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# Wealthy learn how to beat Labour tax threat

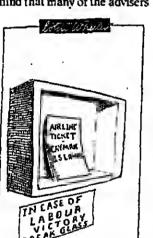
KPMG help £40k band

**MICHAEL PRESTAGE** and JOHN RENTOUL

Businessmen worried about higher taxes under a Labour government are flocking to seminars held by a leading firm of accountants to learn how to switch their money out of the

The accountancy firm KPMG has invited its clients. and a target list of business people, to 150 seminars across the country where they have been briefed on the tax rises the firm thinks are likely if Labour wins the next election.

hour's انسا spokesman, Alistair Darling, last night dismissed the exercise."People should bear in mind that many of the advisers



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who recommend changing investments take a large commission or tce every time. All advice, warnings and threats should be taken with a large pinch of salt." he said.

A KPMG document headed "Pre-Election Tax Planning". obtained by the Independent, suggests that people with incomes of over £40,000 a year will have less disposable income" under Labour. It says they should consider:

the use of offshore trusts disposal of short-term investments before the election. placing assets in trust for children or other dependents maximum use of tax-free in-

vestments now in case they are withdrawn by Labour acarly retirement to take advantage of favourable capital

gains tax rules. KPMG, whose management consultancy arm does work for government departments, spec-

Abigail

Abigail, aged three, completed

a rags-to-riches story vesterday

when she won Britain's first pet-

pig show. She beat off compe-lition from 29 pigs from all over

the country to become show

Organisers had anticipated a

big turn-out but had to print ex-

tra tickets after more than 3,000

people flocked to a Cheshire

showground for what is destined

versity's Leahurst Veterinary

School in Neston, Wirral, saw

a variety of domesticated pigs

trotted out by owners, with a dis-

play of party tricks by some of

the competitors proving a par-

Heather Powles, from Shil-

don, Co Durham, won the nov-

elty section after Charlie and

Onlookers at Liverpool Uni-

to become an annual treat.

champion.

in a new top rate of income tax at 50p or 60p in the pound. In the absence of recent firm policy statements their figures rely heavily on Labour's policies at the last election. Labour only proposed a 50p rate in its last manifesto, but the Tories have claimed that parliamentary questions tabled last year on the likely yield from a 60p tax rate by Nigel Griffiths, a Labour trade spokesman close to the shadow Chancellor, were evidence of secret Labour plans.

ulates that Labour could bring

Mr Darling said: "Anyone who thinks we're going to be fighting this election on the last ... manifesto seriously needs to examine their thinking."

KPMG admits the seminars have proved a successful way of attracting husiness. "We are not double-glazing salesmen. but the meetings have been profile-raising and they let people know we are in the market to give good advice," said John Turbervill, senior tax manager at KPMG's Bristol office.

Mr Turbervill said the success of the seminars was not surprising. "It is not hard to get people to come to a seminar where the subject is protecting yourself against higher taxes under a Labour government."

He said his clients were only engaged in legally reducing their tax bills. The idea of the extra revenue going to education and the health service was one most business people thought "a good idea in principle, but not for me, thanks".

Scott Davidson, one-time keyboard player with bands the Pet Shop Boys and Bros, and now a successful newspaper publisher and chairman of Bristol City FC, said the seminar he

attended covered a good variety of topics. He said: "Politics is not something I take a great deal of in-terest in, but I am concerned that incentives for people to invest may be lost Entrepreneurs like myself, who put [their] house on the line to reap some benefit, regard the return

to 1970s tax rates as horrifying." In the South-west 250 people had attended the seminars run by KPMG's Bristol office in various luxury hotels. The first series were held before 5 April so that urgent action could be taken in the last tax year.

Labour's tax spectre, page 2

Roger, her eight-month-old

Vietnamese pot-hellied pigs,

blew bugles, ran through a tun-

ence they have ever had and I

had no idea if they would freeze

on the big occasion - but they've

been amazing." she said. "I've

been keeping pigs for six years

and I have five altogether. They

are clean and intelligent and

more responsive than a dog to

train. I get my leg pulled by friends but I'm thick-skinned-

you need a sense of humour

Experts were on hand to tell

prospective owners about the

pitfalls and little-known legal re-

sponsibilities of the hobby. Pet

pigs have to be kept clear of

when you keep pet pigs."

This is the higgest audi-

nel and sat on command.



# Loyalist parade ends in rioting

STEVE BOGGAN

Police fired plastic bullets into a crowd of Protestant demonstrators last-night after a riot broke out when an Apprentice Boys' march was banned from a predominantly Catholic area of Belfast.

. At least three RUC officers and two civilians were injured when 300 protesters pelted the police with petrol bombs at the end of a stand-off that lasted for more than eight hours.

After enduring a hail of missiles, police were given the order to draw their batons and drive rioters away from the Lower Ormeau district. the scene last year of sporadic violence during the Protestant marching season.

Tension mounted throughout the day after the RUC refused to allow the marchers to pass through the Catholic area because of the fear of violence. Last year, a number of people were injured during a three-day impasse at Portadown, where Catholic residents asked police

to prevent an Orange march. Yesterday's violence flared after police and marchers appeared to have reached a compromise. However, with the arrival of another marching hand and scores of Loyalist protesters, many of whom seemed drunk, a riot looked in-

Bottles, glasses and, eventually, petrol bombs, rained down on police, forcing them to take cover behind a cordon of

reinforced Land Rovers blocking the marchers' route across the Ormeau Bridge over the River Lagan. Finally, the order was given to disperse the crowd, leading to pitched battles in side streets along the route of the proposed march.

The latest trouble flared as Sinn Fein announced that it would take part in next month's Northern Ireland election, if the SDLP decided to contest them, a move which seems increasingly likely.

Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, said nationalists feared that the elected body would be "an embryonic Stormont". But he seemed resigned to accepting that Sinn Fein would have to take part.

"We actually believe that the best way forward for the nationalist community is for the nationalist political represenfatives not to participate in the election or the elected body," he told BBC Radio 4's Today

programme.
"But the SDLP is a party in its own right and if they decide to contest the elections, then I'm certain that Sinn Fein will do likewise."

Mr McGuinness insisted Sinn Fein had a right to take part in talks whatever the IRA did, hut said his party was willing to play its part in helping to hring about a fresh ceasefire.
"We can only realistically do

that if we have a package we can put to the IRA, which will give absolute assurances and

British farming gogreen?

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With the Great British Beef Crisis degenerating into a row about how much the European Union should pay, we are in danger of forgetting the higger picture. Is something going se riously wrong with onr industrial and chemical-intensive approach to agriculture and the countryside? Imagine if, tomorrow, the

Government approunced that it wanted all British farming to be organic within 15 years; that we would be the first Western country to change direction in its agricultural policy. Imagine that instead of Whitehall and Brussels rigging the market in favour of quantity at all costs, British politicians decided to rig it in favour of organie farming and a quality revolution. Imagine their official aim was to make British heef, dairy prod-ncts, vegetables and fruit the world's best - food that Parisian restaurants, German botchers and Pacific starlets would insist on. Could such a leap of

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imagination land back in the real world, armed with pricing and marketing policies? Is there an opportunity for Britain which deserves serious consideration? What would it mean for food prices here - employment - the economics of farming - the balance of trade? What exactly do we mean by organic, and are there any half-way-houses? Is "going green" an urban faulasy or the start of a hard-edged economic strategy for the revival of

British agriculture? Today, on page 15, the Independent begins a debate intended to answer some of these questions: could Britain go green?

# Slimming pills set to be banned

REBECCA FOWLER

The Government is considering a han on some slimming pills in the next month, following evidence that 15 deaths have been linked to the use of the amphetamine-style drugs, while hundreds of other users have suffered serious mental and physical side-effects.

The potential dangers of the drugs, frequently prescribed by private clinics to desperate slim-mers, have been outlined in confidential consultation papers. They vary from rapid heart beat to depression, dependence and even psychosis.

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "There is concern about the use of these Leading article, page 14 | pills, and whether it is appro-

walk, specifying the route they

will follow.

farmland and a special licence thing, must not be given meat,

is needed to take them for a offal, eggs or bakery waste.

crowned princess among porkers

Bacon buddy: One of the pets on show yesterday

Pigs also need plenty of space her boarding kennels and cat-

and although they will eat any tery in Capenhurst, Wirral,

priate to ban them as slimming aids. They are all licensed drugs and have a clinical use, but the concern is whether the controls

are tight enough." The Government's Medicines Commission reported that many patients receive prescriptions on demand, and that the "liberal quantities" allow for a black market. The users are also poorly monitored by clinics, and often are not overweight in the first place.

The pills work by suppressing a person's appetite, or by speeding up the body's metabolism, so that it burns up calories faster.

When slimmers have taken such drugs, which were reportedly used by the Duchess of York who recently shed almost

three stone, they often see a dra-matic weight loss in a very short period of time. But they may need to take increased

dosages to keep up the effect. Despite attempts by the General Medical Council (GMC) to impose restrictions, the pills have continued to flow among slimmers. The council sent a written warning to doctors on the harmful side-effects two years ago, and told them they faced disciplinary action for

irresponsible prescriptions. The latest report highlights the dangers of fentluramine, which has been linked to five deaths, and phentermine, which was linked to two deaths among slimmers. The drug deithylpropion has been linked to a further eight deaths.

grow. Her show champion, Abi-

gail, was in a sorry state because

of overfeeding until Ms Franklin stepped in to save her

She was owned by someone

who knew nothing about it and

was so bloated she was blind be-

cause of the fat around her face.

We put her on a diet and

slimmed her right down and

now the judges say she is just

Judge Tony York said: "They

have all been well handled and

cared for and are obviously

right. I'm delighted!"

18 months ago.

Among the victims was Christine Malik, a mother of two who died two years ago. aged 31, after she attempted to shed a few pounds before she went on holiday. She collapsed within five days of taking diuretics, appetite suppressants and hormone drugs prescribed by a private clinic in London.

Experts, including the GMC. have advised that the drugs should only he used to treat certain forms of obesity, and under expert medical supervision. But their use has remained rife outside these boundaries, and only a handful of doctors appear before the council each year to answer charges of issuing careless prescriptions. Danger drugs, page 3

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John Major's local council, Huntingdon, could be the only

one which remains in Tory

hands after the local elections

in three weeks' time. Page 4

Rump Yugoslavia and its former

republic of Macedonia nor-

malised their relations yester-

day, signing a treaty that could

help to reduce political and eth-

nic tensions in the southern

Dry, bright and warm in most

Today's weather

Threat to Tories

Balkan hope

Balkans.

guarantees that real and mean-

ingful peace negotiations, with-

out pre-conditions and within

he said. "We need to be ab-

solutely assured that all the

pre-conditions which are clear-

ly there at the moment are go-

ing to be swept to one side."
The chairman of the SDLP.

Jonathan Stevenson, said his

party wanted to see the legis-

lation relating to the elections before deciding whether to take

"The only pressure upon us ... is to get to all-party talks and to find a formula which will

turn off the violence for good.

If we do not see these elections

as an impediment to that

process, then we will probably

take part," he said.

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Franklin, keeps 16 pet pigs at

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loved pigs who came here in very good condition. We have been pleased by the standard, espe-

cially considering this was the first time an event like this has most of them rescued from ever been held - next year the owners who could not cope number of entries will double."

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news

The demand for Easter holidays

abroad will see almost a million

people pass through Gatwick Airport by the end of this week.

The duty manager Keith Booker said last night that busi-

ness over the two-week Easter period was up 15 per cent on last year with 950,000 travellers

using the West Sussex airport.

departed over the four-day hol-iday weekend, including 74,000

yesterday.

Next weekend is the peak.

with 83,000 expected to pass

through the terminals on Sat-

urday and 87,000 on Sunday."

Mr Booker said. Favourite des-tinations were the United

States, the Caribhean and

Mediterranean resorts, while short skiing trips and rugby tours were also popular.

Early yesterday, about eight

transatlantic flights into Gatwick

were hit by fog. The flights were

diverted to Birmingham, Stanst-

ed and Heathrow airports for

refuelling hefore arriving at

Gatwick two or three hours late,

said 150,000 people passed

through yesterday. The husicst

day of the Easter period so far

was last Thursday, with 165,000.

On the motorways yester-day, there was a gradual

build-up of traffic as people

A spokesman for Heathrow

Some 380,000 arrived or

off at Gatwick

sheer volume of traffic.

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Business takes At the heart of the Bank Holiday bustle on Brighton beach



cast on

spelling

'failure'

Exam officials have cast doubt

on a survey which suggests that teenagers' spelling and punc-tuation is worse in GCSE exams

than it was in the old O-level.

A small survey by the University of Cambridge Local Ex-

aminations syndicate found that English GCSE students in 1994

were up to three times worse at

spelling than O-level pupils in

1980 and had a narrower range

There was a six-fold increase

in the use of non-standard Eng-

The survey involving scripts

from 30 boys and 30 girls award-

ed each grade from A to E at

O-level and from A to G at

GCSE found that pupils who failed O-level would have re-

ceived a C or better at GCSE.

Curriculum and Assessment

Authority which advises the

Government on exams said:

This survey is based on two

years. It would be instructive if

it were a full sequence over a

a full-scale comparison into

exam standards over time but

decided that there was not

enough evidence to go back fur-

The study, which is also ex-

amining whether there have

been changes in A-level stan-

dards, will be published later this

ther than a decade.

The authority is conducting

A spokesman for the School

DOUL HINGUL

of vocabulary.

NUT and NASUWT conferences: Teachers' biggest union rejects moves to wrest power from left wing Doubt

# Strike threat to classrooms

**DOUTH JUDD Education Editor** 

A teaching union yesterday threatened strike action over government plans to name bad teachers shortly after rejecting moves to wrest control of the organisation from the left.

The National Union of Teachers' conference in Cardiff voted to ballot members over industrial action if teachers were victimised as a result of inspections. From this month, inspectors will grade teachers from one to seven and those scoring six and seven will he renorted to the school head.

Delegates were in an angry mood as they voted by a large majority to scrap proposals by Doug McAvoy, their general secretary, to introduce New Labour-style democracy with one member, one vote for important pulicy decisions.

The scheme, thought to be unprecedented in trade unions. would have meant that conference decisions had be ratified by a ballot of all members.

Union leaders had agreed to change union rules after the membership overturned a series of strike decisions taken at last year's conference. They say that conference delegates. picked at small branch meetings of activists, are increasingly unrepresentative of ordinary members. At present, conference is the supreme policy-

making body.

Mr McAvoy said a ballot of members showed that more than 80 per cent of the 38,000 memhers who voted were in favour of the change. "It is a sad day for the union. There is a conflict netween un taken by conference and the declared desires of members. They are wishing to keep in their hands the power to determine the union policy and not to represent the views of members."

In a heated debate, opponents of the changes said the executive was trying to bolster its own power. Gill Goodswen, of Kirklees, West Yorkshire, said: "We are not opposed to democracy. We are saying no to this oligarchic sys-

tem being smuggled in through the back door. If this is democracy ... it is an insult to the values of a trade union and a contemptuous disregard for the intelligence of our members."

Jane Coombs, of east London said: "I came to this conference having heen ratified hy members in a hallot. Why do I have to be ratified again? If these rule changes are passed this could be my last conference of any meaning.

John Cox, of Cumhria, said the introduction of one member, one vote had been instrumental in raising the popularity

Dean Rogers, of Hillingdon, west London, said: "We are not living in the age of Keir Hardie ... We are living in the age of mohile phones, computers and the Internet. We can communicate with our members."

The executive suffered a series of defeats on other motions on union democracy. Mr McAvoy said he would continue to press for the union to adopt the policies which had been rejected.

Head stoned by vandals

A primary head teacher has told how she was stoned and taunted after she and two colleagues identified youths who hroke into a car in the school Judith Elderkin, head of Marlborough school in Salford,

delegate at the National Union of Teachers conference, said the local authority had put a 24-hour security guard on the school at a cost of £1800 a week after a series of acts of

She also described how her school was torched on Sunday night and the nursery and infant block hadly damaged. Around 100 four-to-seven-year-olds will be without their classroom when they return to school next term. you work on a day to day basis room for complacency."

Mrs Elderkin said that shortly after the car park incident 39 high level windows were smashed at the weekend, showering the school with glass.
"We were worried and fright-

Frightened: Judith Elderkin outside her school in Salford before vandals set fire to it

ened about reprisals. That was confirmed when I was walking past the school and was showered with a hail of stones by boys sitting on the roof. It began to dawn on me that we were all at

Both she and the security guards had also been taunted and called a grass.

The break-in to a staff member's car in the car park happened about six weeks ago.

Arrests have been made.

of providing a stress-free at-mosphere for pupils and children. We know that school should he a safe haven for children and may be a better environment than many have elsewhere."

Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, said the 480pupil school had no perimeter fence, eight gates and 15 entrances. The union, which is represented on the Government's working party on school security set up after the death of headmaster Philip Lawrence, is pressing for more resources to improve fencing and liaison

with police. He said: "Most schools are She said: "It is difficult when secure places hut there is no

Figures give boost to cancer screening Screening prevented three-quarters of the potential cases of cervical cancer in 1992, a report revealed yesterday. But the audit by scientists from the Imperial Cancer Research Bussel Imperial Cancer Research Fund also said the NHS cervical s. ning programme needed

IN BRIEF

further improvement.
A utal of 24 health authorities and halth boards through-oot the UK took part in the audit to test whether it was possible to routinely assess the amount of cancer prevented Screening histories of 348 women with invasive cervical cancer diagnosed in 1992 were compared with those of 677 healthy women. Results indicated that screening prevented between 1,100 and 3,900 cases in the UK in 1992 alone.

#### Girl found safe

Missing schoolgirl Deo Adebayo was found safe yesterday at a railway station less than a mile from her home. The station manager at Dartford, Kent. alerted police when he recognised the 15-year-old. Police said she was returning home voluntarily after disappearing las Thursday night.

#### Mouse fire

A fire which wrecked the magnificent home of top polo play-ers Simon and Claire Tomlinson last Thursday may have been started by a mouse. The couple believe a mouse ate through wires in the attic of their £750,000 mansion at Down Farm, Westonhirt, Gloucestershire, and caused a short circuit.

#### Foreign posting

Cut-price flight tickets have gone on sale over the post office counter. Cheap scheduled airline tickets are now available at the Trafalgar Square post of-fice, central London, and could soon be on offer in high street hranches up and down the country, the Post Office said.

#### Nice return

Inland Revenue workers have scooped a tax-free multi-million pound bonanza in the National Lottery. A syndicate of 19 tax inspectors from Glasgow is to share a payout of £4,245,315 from the weekend's £21 million rollover pot.



Prince of Wales: Called for report on Fort Bridge work

The Prince of Wales has called for a progress report on maintenance work being carried out on the world's most famous rail hridge. He was in North Queensferry in Fife yesterday to meet directors of Railtrack, which is responsible for the Forth bridge. His visit followed a report from the Health and Safety Executive which said the structure was safe, but had heen allowed to deteriorate. The prince heard how abseilers were used in repainting.

## Party chiefs accused of schools 'cant'

FRAN ABRAMS

The Prime Minister and Tony Blair were both accused of "hypocrisy and cant" by a teachers union leader yesterday. Both men had taken nn education as a personal crusade as a general election approached. But both had failed to live up to their own principles, according to Pete Cole, President of the National Association of Schoolmasters

Union of Women Teachers. In a speech to the union's annual conference in Glasgow, Mr Cole said both the Education Secretary, Gillian Shep-hard, and Labour's education spokesman, David Blunkett, had been sidelined by their

"The heat is being turned up on the general election campaign. Both leaders appear to have personally taken over responsibility for education, giv-ing Shephard and Blunkett relatively minor supporting roles. Hypocrisy and cant are very much to the fore in the politics of education," he said.

Mr Cole also accused Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, of "staggering naïvety" in her decision to send her son to a selective school, despite her party's opposition to selection.

Mr Blair, the Labour leader, sent his son to the grantmaintained Oratory school in west London. This had called into question the sincerity of the party's policies on education, which included opposition to opting-out, Mr Cole said. People who put themselves in prominent public positions do unt, nor should they, have the luxury to say one thing and do

something else. 1 am reminded of a poem by Spike Milligan: People who live in glass houses should pull the blinds when removing their trousers'," he The Prime Minister was equally guilty, Mr Cole said, when he spoke of equal opportunities for all pupils.

This is sheer hypocrisy coming from the leader of a party which has introduced enormous inequality into the edu-cation system," he said.

Mr Cole hlamed poverty, unemployment and social po-

larisation for violence in schools. These had heen brought into focus by the stabhing of the London head teacher Philip Lawrence in December and the shooting in Dunhlane, last month, he said.

A growing number of at-tacks on teachers by pupils and parents had contributed to a four-fold increase in the number of staff taking early retirement on health grounds. Ten years ago the figure was around 1,500 per year but it had now grown to 6,000.

Mr Cole called for a Royal Commission on education. Teachers and politicians sought to work together to plan an education system which could meet the changing needs of

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## Brown tries to rid Labour of spectre of high taxes

Political Correspondent

Gordon Brown has consistently refused to confirm that the better-off would pay more tax under Labour since he ditched the party's 1992 tax policies in Chancellor.

It is a stance which confused party members as much as tax advisers, and has prompted the hriefings to businessmen by the accountants KPMG on how to switch their money out of the country under Labour.

However, it is central to Mr Brown's strategy to rid Labour of the spectre of high taxes which has haunted the party since the then Chancellur Denis Healey promised in "squeeze the rich until the pips squeak" in 1974. Mr Healey subsequently raised the top rate of

income tax to 83 per cen1. These kinds of lax rates have been repeatedly disowned by Labour leaders, but Mr Brown believes the tax issue was one of the party's most serious weaknesses in both the 1987 and 1992 elections.

In 1987, Neil Kinnock, the party leader, and the shadow Chancellor, Roy Hattersley, inadvertently disagreed about what would happen to National Insurance contributions.

And in 1992, John Smith's "shadow Budget" proposing in-creased National Insurance contributions for people earning more than £21,000 a year and a new 50p-in-the-pound income tax rate at above £40,000 n year, left the party open to renewed Tory attacks.

Mr Brown's strategy was strengthened by the election of under Labour because the

Tony Blair to succeed Smith as leader. In contrast to Smith's identification with the idea of redistributive taxation, Mr Blair talks of the need to preserve the "incentive" of low taxes.

The Brown-Blair strategy has also been vindicated by Tnry tax rises since the 1992 election, which has enabled Labour to shift the ground of the argument over economic policy. Taxes have gone up under the Tories because of economic weakness, Mr Brown argues, and - more controversially - will go down

economy will be strengthened. But Mr Brown has still left a grey area for accountants and tax advisers to exploit. As KPMG say, "no statement has been made on Labour's current intentions" in respect of income tax and National Insurance for the higher paid.

KPMG's suggestion that Labour would bring in a high-er rate of income tax "possibly at 50 or 60 per cent" is not outlandish, although Mr Blair and Mr Brown are believed to have discussed ruling out tax rates higher than 50 per cent.

# Danger drugs freely given to all who ask

For thousands of slimmers it was irresistible: a pill that makes you thin. But the cost has proved higher than they imagined, with evidence that 15 deaths have been linked to the controversial drugs, and that many more users have suffered disturbing side effects.

Guri found say

In recent years the pills have become an increasingly prominent part of the £1hn slimming industry in Britain. Many users experienced a dramatic weight loss in a matter of only weeks while using the drugs, which suppress the appetite or speed up the metabolism.

But the use of the pills, obtained mostly from private slimming clinics, has caused growing concern among medical experts. Among the side effects are addiction, insomnia, depression, hair-ioss, restlessness, nallucinations and, at worst.

Despite efforts to control the spread of the drugs, handAnglysis.

the clinics for between £25 and £50 for a six-week supply, their attraction has been widespread among anxious slimmers, many of whom are not even medically

The Duchess of York and Whitney Houston, the singer, have reportedly taken slimming drugs. Ms Houston was rushed to hospital with an irregular heartbeat after she attempted to shed weight quickly following the birth of her daughter in 1993.

Dr Michael Spira, adviser to Slimmers Clubs UK, is among those who do not wish to see the drugs banned, but brought un-der more rigid control, for use only in extreme cases of obesity. He believes the drugs should only be available on NHS pre-

scriptions, from approved doctors and specialists in obesity. Dr Spira stressed the best way

to lose weight for most people was a healthy dict, with low fat and refined sugar contents, and plenty of exercisc. He said: Pills should only really be prescribed for people who are extremely overweight and have tried traditional methods of dieting and have failed."

The drugs fall into two main groups: appetite suppressants, stimulants which work tike amphetamines, speeding up the metabolism and hurning up more energy; and diuretics, which can strip the body of water and potassium.

The most disturbing trend is the use of the drugs among women who are not medically overweight, but still wish to shed pounds. Many are competing with the waif-like figures catwalk models like Kate Moss and Jodie Kidd, who have created an unnatural ideal.

Not to be taken if pregnant, epilectic, or with a history of

"The doctor didn't even give me a medical check-up. He simply weighed me and dished out pills and a diet sheet," she said. I still don't know what they were. It's ripping people off when they're extremely vulnerable. When you're really over-weight, you're so desperate you'd try anything."
Although Ms Farrell lost three stone, she regained the

mended dose of Duromine.

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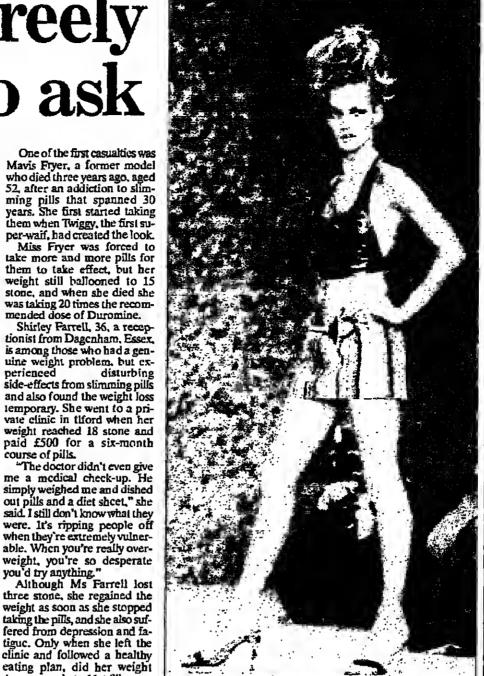
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weight as soon as she stopped taking the pills, and she also suffered from depression and fa-tigue. Only when she left the clinic and followed a healthy eating plan, did her weight drop properly to 11st 8lb.



Rebecca Fowler Kate Moss (pictured) is a spur to dieter

# Father dies as he tries to save daughter

STEVE BOGGAN

Police investigating the death of a 60-year-old man who died while trying to rescue his daughter from a pub fight said last night that they had not ruled out treating the incident as murder.

John Burge suffered a heart attack after going to the aid of his daughter, Heten, 17, who was assaulted outside a pub on Sunday night. He was not attacked but detectives said they intended to submit a report to the Crown Prosecution Service and they had not ruled out a murder charge.

Mr Burge, who had bypass heart surgery six years ago, ran to the Fox and Hounds pub near his home in Oxford after hearing that Helen and a girlfriend had been punched by a gang waiting outside.

Sally Hendy, the pub man-ager, said that the gang — including young men and women - had hit the girls in the face. One went to get the father from the house next door and he came out to help," she said. "He fell to the ground, Someone called the police and ambulance but I think he was dead when they arrived."

Superintendent Cressida Dick said a post-mortem examination had shown that Mr. Burge died from a heart attack. [He] appeared to have received no assault injuries that would have contributed to his death," she said.

"He died, directly or indirectly, as a result of this incident. Clearly, that has to be treated as a suspicious death. We will be sending a report to the CPS. It would be wrong to prejudice what view the CPS or a coroner might take by discussing possible charges.

Despite attempts by paramedies and police to revive him, Mr Burge was pronounced dead on arrival at John Radcliffe hospital.

Police said that several young people were involved in the conrontation while others leaving the pub were looking on.

Pub landlord Nigel Rich said: There was a gang in here who left at about 11.45 pm. They had done nothing wrong and they all



Heart attack: John Burge, 60 went to help daughter



clearing up and then the next thing I knew the police were here. There were a group of people and a body lying on the floor outside.

■ Muggers who attacked two elderly blind people on an Easter morning stroll were yesterday hranded "despicable" by police. John Butcher, 82, was carry-

ing a white stick and was leaning on the arm of Gladys Wainwright, 76, as they walked to a friend's house in York for Easter Sunday lunch when the two young robbers struck.

It was the first time Mr Butcher, of York, had gone out walking after a lengthy illness, according to Ms Wainwright, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Ms Wainwright lost £100 in cash and her house keys, which were in her handbag.

Inspector Geoff Dodd of York police said: "This was a cynical crime, preying on people who are not only elderly but also unable to defend themselves in any way because of left quite happily. I was busy their blindness. It is despicable.

#### Clinics flourishing in climate of deregulation up a slimming clinic, and the medical histories and prescribe doctors. The association's re- which is clearly not proper adregulations surrounding them medication without informing searchers were prescribed slimare so limited it is not even

REBECCA FOWLER

When hopeful slimmers enter the corridors of Britain's slimming clinics, for many it is a last resort. They look for reassurance and hope in every corner of these establishments. They take reassurance from author-

known how many exist. Despite concern that the clinics continue to cater for a vulnerable group of people weight they will try anything of

the patients' GPs, against the guidelines of the General Medical Council (GMC), clients are unlikely to complain.

The Consumers' Association who are often so eager to lose (CA) carried out a lightning sur- ful when visiting clinics, which vey of four slimming clinics fered to them, at any cost - last year which showed a dis- the visits a researcher was told

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Mr Heynes has bought the

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Plans to revitalise the com-

owed on average £900 each.

ming drugs such as Dospan, Ionamin and Duromine without any warning of side-effects. A CA spokesman said: "We

urge consumers to be very careanybody can set up. On one of Yet anyone in Britain can set When they fail to take detailed turbing lack of rigour among 'not to worry' about side-effects, regulation of the industry

vice. You have to quiz the spe-

cialists as much as you can Although the Home Office stopped issuing licences seven years ago, amid concern that the prescription of slimming drugs was on the rise, they have continued to flourish. But there have been growing calls for

Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, said: "At the moment the diet industry can claim almost anything they like about their products... the multi-million pound industry is completely unregulated. It fails totally to warn potential clients about risks and adverse sideeffects associated with rapid weight-loss programmes.

# Students find a new service to peddle



Reliant car company sets

out on road to recovery

The new owner of the Reliant motor company will today reopen the production plant at Tamworth, Staffordshire, hoping that his rescue package for the firm - manufacturer of the the famous three-wheeled Robin - into the 21st century.

And he will be hoping for better luck than that experienced yesterday by members of the Chesterfield Canal Society, who took to the water in a Reliant powered by a marine engine as part of a stunt to celebrate the opening of a renovated lock. A quarter of the way into the journey from Retford, Nottinghamshire, the engine failed and the crew had to paddle the rest

The company has been taken over by a former Jaguar ex-

ecutive, Jonathon Heynes, in a £300,000 deal. Mr Heynes has said up to 90 workers could be back working at the plant with-in a month but he added that workers would only be re-employed when enough parts had been built to make the fibre-

The company employed 110 workers before going bust. Only 12 staff remained finishing work on 50 incomplete cars after administrators were called into the

company in December last year. "I will be going into the plant 10 speak to them after the Bank Holiday and will then be speaking to former employees with a view to getting them back in," said Mr Heynes.

More than 350 creditors were owed £1.12m from Reliant in- may well be replaced by steel.

#### Bank left doors open on holiday

Staff at a branch of Barclays Bank took the concept of a bank holiday literally on Good Friday. leaving a branch open, desert-ed and with no alarm, writes Ros Wynne-Jnnes.

Staff at the Muswell Hill branch in north London had forgotten to lock up on Maundy Thursday before the bank holiday. A customer pleased to find a bank open on a public holiday was puzzled by the open-door policy. Finding that no-one was behind the counter and the branch was deserted, she rang the police.

Barclays said the incident was unfortunate and a full review of security at the branch would be carried out. A spokes-



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founded claims that a local health centre was to close as a scare tactic in the Staffordshire South East by-election. Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, accused Labour candidate Brian Jenkins of "sordid scaremongering over the NHS" as be visited

Tamworth's Sir Rohert Peel

hospital in the constituency. Labour's candidate has erroneously claimed a local health centre, the George Bryan Centre, is to close," Mr Dorrell said. He had persisted with "this wholly unfounded claim" despite a lener from Gerry Malone, the health minister, clearly stating it would remain open.

Mr Dorrell, supporting the Tory candidate, Jimmy James, said the Government was putting a further billion pounds into the health service nationally from this month.



On your side: Stephen Dorrell (left), the Health Secretary, with Tory candidate Jimmy James yesterday Photograph: Newsteam

From April you must get

into this routine

# Poll positions: Labour accused of 'scaremongering' at Staffordshire South East as Tories bid to regain ground at local elections Major's council may be only one his party holds

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister's own anthority, Huntingdon, could be the only council which remains Conservative hands when the local elections are held in

three weeks' time.

Voting on 2 May will be the higgest electoral test for John Major before the next general election, with his own council the benchmark to measure Tory claims that they have begun a sustained political recovery. With Thursday's by election

in Staffordshire South East

likely to be a matter of seeing whether Labour takes the seat with a record-breaking swing, or simply a massive one, the local elections will give a fuller picture of the state of the three main parties across England.

There are elections for councils covering about half the UK population: all the English metropolitan districts, one-third of rural districts and 14 new single-tier all-purpose councils. There are no elections in London, Scotland, Wales and twothirds of English rural districts.

If the Tories perform as badly as they did in last year's "wipe out" elections, Huntingdon would be the only authority of those going to the polls to still have a Tory majority, according to analysis by the BBC.

On last year's worst-ever showing the Tories would lose control of their last urban council, Solihull (which they hold with support from the Ratepayers), as well as such prosperous bastions in the Home Counties as Runnymede (which includes Virginia Water) and Broxbourne (Potters Bar), and Macclestield in Cheshire.

William Bush, head of the BBC's Political Research Unit, said: "If the Conservatives do as badly as last year, they will lose 650-670 seats - possibly more because the Liberal Democrats are getting better and better at targeting their efforts

With the local elections expected to consolidate the Liberal Democrats' position as the second party in British local gov-ernment, leader Paddy Ashdown has written to his candidates admitting that a strong showing was "vital" to the

general election campaign.

The interpretation of this year's local election results is bound to be even more highly charged than in recent years, with the party "spin doctors" moving into top gear. Tory Central Office is likely to seize on elections in the new all-purpose councils, where the results will

the same areas last year.

If the Tory vote recovers, they have a chance of winning Poole and Bournemouth, currently controlled by the Liberal Democrats (backed by Labour in Bournemouth). The Tory chairman, Brian Mawhinney, will

seek to capitalise on the possihle loss by Labour of its onevote majority in Portsmouth, although the Liberal Democrats would probably keep Labour m Other all-purpose councils,

which do not actually take over from the two-tier district and county councils in their area until next year, are mostly Labour strongholds, such as Bristol, Southampton and Darlington. All the other council seats



Paddy Ashdown: Letter to his local election hopefuls

contested in May were last fought in 1992, just after the last general election, which was the Tories' best year since the late Seventies. Then, the Tories won a national equivalent share of the vote of 45 per cent, 15 points ahead of Labour. Last year, the Tory share of the vote was 25 per cent - fully 22 points behind Tony Blair's "new" Labour.

With the local election campaigns due to start next week. Mr Ashdown has lodged a for-mal complaint with the BBC and ITV over the convention that the right to the last party political broadcast before polling day should alternate between the Government and

## Cash-conscious children play safe with pennies

Today's children know a nice money. Susie Stewart, from the little earner when they see one. monitor, said: "While most kids weekly pocket money they now prefer to build capital, according to figures published yesterday, writes Nicole Veash.

The number of children pilmg up their pennies has doubled in the past year, while the number of parents expecting their children to save has halved, says the 1996 Wall's Pocket Money

Psychologists put the saving instinct down to children becoming more competitive, setting higher targets for themselves and believing their status would improve with more

little earner when they see one. monitor, said; "While most kids Instead of frinering away their have substantially more to spend they also feel the need to save more in order to make higger and more expensive purchases. With average pocket money presently standing at £2.40 for all age groups, up 35p on last year, it has never been

a better time to be eligible." The 5-7 year-olds are really in the money, having almost doubled their income from last year, while 11-13-year-olds bave

seen a two per cent drop.
With money becoming increasingly important, girls in particular are willing to work longer hours in Saturday jobs.

# DAILY POEM

Son Like a Boy

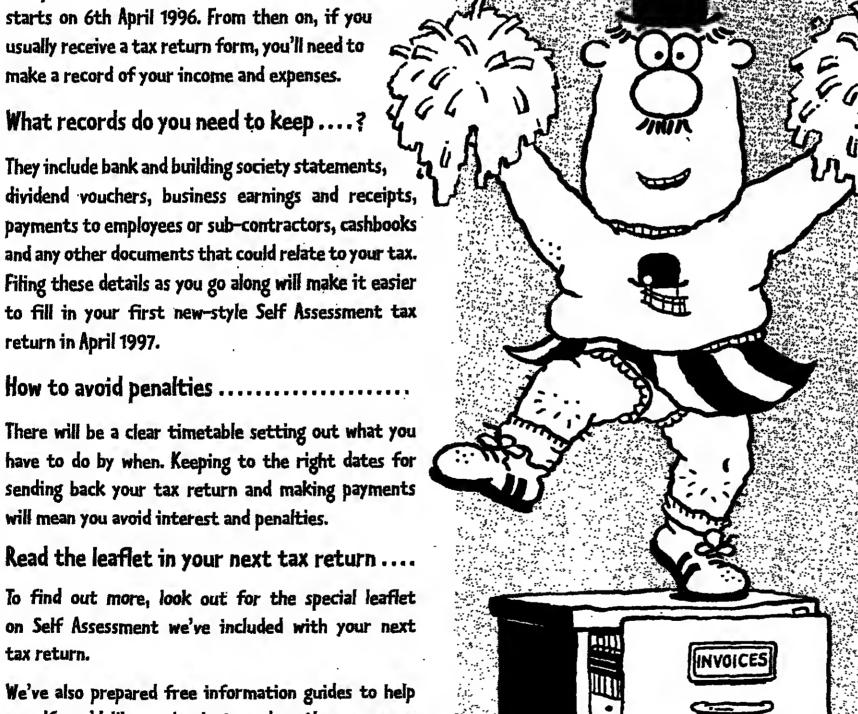
By Heather Macnaught

Her son like a boy was a lesser son than her first His skin was like praline Hc had grimy hair which lashed his cheek She loved her boy because he was hers unlike her first Her first son kissed concrete butt and dialled a phone He had a smart costume But her son like a boy wore hare flanks and his hair grew more The first son never called her on his handy phone Her lesser son called her by shouting across the water from his den Her fond looks on him Her proud hand upon him The first son gained no mother but a clenched deal, a clenched fist and a passed business incentive

Heather Macnaught is 18 and comes from East Kilbride. She was one of only three Special Award winners of the 1995 W H Smith Young Writers' Competition: her entry, out of the 30,000 submitted, meriting special commendation from the judges. The award-winning poetry, prose and drawings of 81 children, aged 5-16 in 1995, appear in Electric Full Stops, published this month by Macmillan Children's Books at £4,99.

He passed over his roots while his brother are them

Winning entries from Electric Full Stops are featured in the poem slot each day this week. Details for entry into the 1997 W H Smith Young Writers' Competition will appear on Friday.



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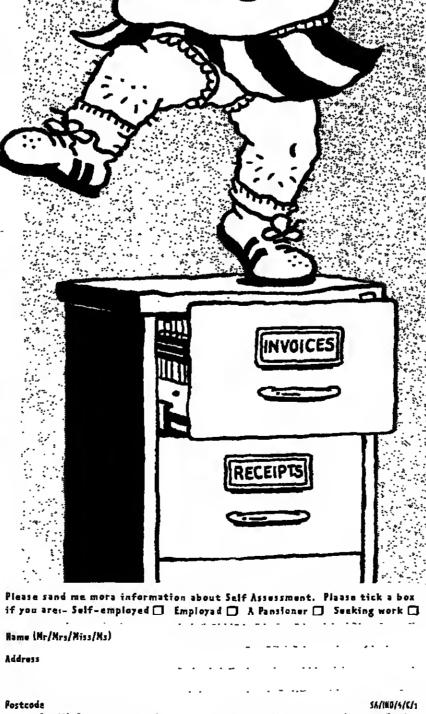
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#### Coma victim's mother attacks tests plan The mother of a coma victim fenders' institution 18 months tive state (PVS) for experithat such patients should be used for experiments in place of animals and said she would

rather kill her own son. Violet Brayson, 34, a mother of seven from Ladywood, Birmingham, has just marked the 20th birthday of her son Robert. She and her husband,

Ron, have cared for their eldest son 24 hours a day after he was found hanging in a young of-

Since then the Braysons have taken their son home from hospital to care for him themselves. Mrs Brayson, who says she is hopeful that Robert may one day snap out of his apparently irreversible coma, said she would rather kill her sonthan see him used for experiments. She said Professor David

Morton's suggestions to use

people in a permanent vegeta-

ments were "criminal". "I would rather kill my son than see him taken away for experiments. I am absolutely horrified because this is such on inhumane suggestion.

Professor Morton, professor of bio-ethics and veterinary science at Birmingham University, told a seminar on the ethics of animal experimentation that experiments on people in a permanent vegetative state

would give more accurate results than those on chimpanzees and would reduce the number of animal experimeous carried

Professor Morton explained yesterday he had not advocated the use of tissues from human beings unless the decision had been made to withdraw food and water and the patient had made a will saying they would like their tissues and organs to be used for research as sues and organs for research as

well as organ transplant. The professor, who lives in Leicestershire, said he was outraged at reports which had taken his

ruggestion out of context.
What I said was that the medical profession may soon be faced with people who have left their body's tissues and organs for research. Various animal welfare organisations are now circulating a donation card where people can leave their tis-

well as for organ transplantation. So if something tragic happens to them and if it is decided these people are so permanently damaged that is irreversible and they have de-cided to withdraw food and water these people will have made an advance directive or living

to be used for research." There are an estimated 1,500 PVS patients in the United Kingdom at present.

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Mrs Brayson said, "My son can still feel pain and I would hate him to be burt in any way. The doctors don't consider anyone else's feelings and they are talking about people's loved ones. He is saying he wants to test people like my son for ex-

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Professor Morton said that at

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New frontiers: The UK National Astronomy Meeting, which opens today, tries to answer some of the mysteries of the Universe

## **Peanut** bar inspires galaxy theory

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

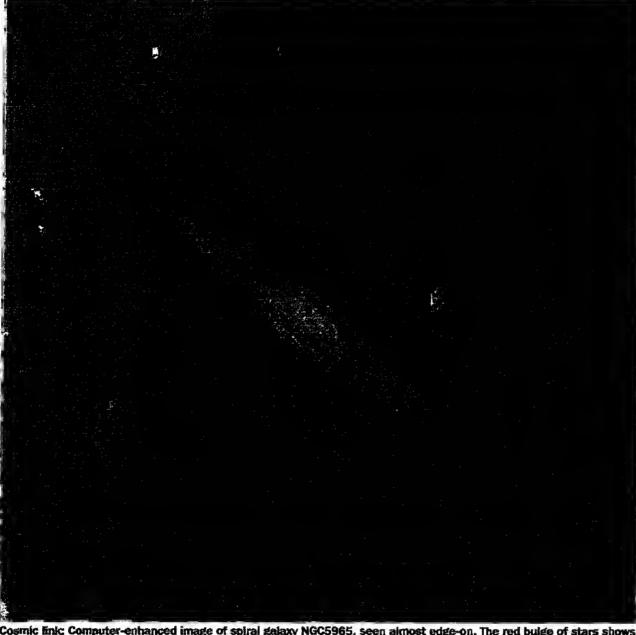
Art may imitate life, but now cosmology is imitating confec-tionery. Inspired by Galaxy and Mars bars and Milky Ways, Dr Michael Merrifield of Southampton University has come up with the "Snickers" peanut-bar hypothesis, giving for the first time a three-dimensional picture of the central parts of spiral galaxies.

Together with Dr Konrad Kuijken, of Groningen University in the Netherlands, Dr Merrifield has been studying the structure of spiral galaxies, such as our own Milky Way. Their work, which will be reported tomorrow at the United Kingdom National Astronomy Meeting in Liverpool, has revealed that where there is a bar, there is also a central bulge shaped like a peanut.

Although most stars congregate on one plane, forming a thin disc like a gramophone record, the centre thickens up into a "hulge" of stars and the new hypothesis provides an explanation for how these central bulges may have formed.

Around a third of the bulges have a double-lobed appearance, rather like a peanut in its shell. This is only visible in galaxies which can be seen edge-on. About a third of spiral galaxies (one of the most common formations) which can be seen face-on show a central bar - like distortion in the

starlight near their centres. The fact that peanut-shaped bulges and bars occur in similar parts of galaxies has led astronomers to advance the "Snickers hypothesis" — that the peanut structures are actu-



Cosmic linic Computer-enhanced image of spiral galaxy NGC5965, seen almost edge-on. The red bulge of stars shows the 'peanut' in the centre of the flattened disc. The theory is that the bulge is formed by the buckling of a galactic bar

ally formed in the galactic bars. Since no galaxy can be viewed both face-on and edgeon, we cannot witness both phenomena in a single structure. However, Drs Merrifield and Kuijken studied 10 edge-on galaxies, some of which had round hulges and some peanut-shaped bulges, and by looking at the orbital motion of the gas and stars they found unequivocal evidence that the peanut

will alter the gravitational pull of the galaxy as a whole, distorting the motions of the gas and stars so that they follow complicated elliptical orbits. Us-ing the William Herschel Telescope in La Palma, Canary Islands, to map the spectra of light emitted, Dr Kuijken and Dr Merrifield found that galaxies with round bulges had gas and dust on circular orbits -

implying that they did not con-

A bar-shaped mass of stars tain bars. On the other band, material in galaxies with fattens the bar perpendicular to peanut-shaped hulges followed the disc of stars, forming a the elliptical orbits characteristic peanut-shaped structure. It is of a bar.

> galaxies have shown that thin discs of stars are not stable entities, and that they quite rapidy produce bars at their centres. These bars are, in turn, unstable and start to buckle, bending out of the plane of their host

structure at the centre of the galaxy. Perhaps, they

This bending back-and-forth fattens the bar perpendicular to Earth's obscuring water vapor pparently these fattened bars Computer simulations of that Drs Knijken and Merrifield have shown that thin have detected in their study. Ultimately, the bar will dissolve entirely, leaving just the fattened

therefore suggest, all galactic peanuts originally formed from lar space".

### Red star *'emitting'* water vapour'

Steam has been discovered in the emptiness of interstellar space, near a cool red giant star, writes Tom Wilkie.

The Enropean Space Agency's Infrared Space Observatory (ISO) has detected the distinctive "beat" from water vapour around the pulsating variable star W Hydrae, 300 light years away from the Earth.

The vapour is also known to condense small, solid silicate particles. The chemical identification of these particles will help shed further light on the origins of the solid material out of which the Earth is made.

The instrument which has detected the water vapour was built by an international consortium led by Professor Peter Clegg of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, and in-cluding scientists from France

and Italy. Water vapour had been predicted to be an important constituent of the gas flowing from red giant stars such as W Hydrae, Its surface temperature is about 3,000C, although the water vapour is much cooler.

Previous searches from highflying aircraft and balloons for the tell-tale far-infrared signatures of water in stars and nebulae had all failed because water vapour in the Earth's atmosphere absorbs radiation emitted by water vapour in space. The ISO, launched last year from Kouron in French Guiana, orbits far above the

and so can search unhindered. However, according to Professor Mike Barlow of University College London, leading the analysis of data, "the detection of water in the spectrum of W Hydrae will provide vastly more information about how water molecules are formed and excited in the gas which flows out from these stars into interstel-

## The Rosetta Mission Earth 1. Rosetta launched in January 2003 to meet up with Wirtanen's comet, 700 million kilometres from earth, eight years later 2. Rosetta to collect data while orbiting comet for three years. Two probes will be sent to land on cornet. Mother craft scheduled

## 'Rosetta' set to land on comet

to crash into nucleus of comet in 2013

DANIEL ROSEMAN

The mysteries at the heart of the comets may be revealed by a European space probe to be

launched early next century. Scientists hope that the encounter of the spacecraft Rosetta with Wirtanen's comet will provide invaluable clues towards the formation of the solar system and the planets.

The probe which will be annouoced at the Royal Astronomical Society meeting in Liverpool this week will be funded by the European Space Agency, to which Britain contributes. It is hoped the mission will blast off from French Guiana in January 2003 and crash into the nucleus of the

comet 10 years later. Planned cuts in the space agency's funding initially put the voyage in doubt. But the Government's Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council was able to find money and the mission will now go ahead.

Rosetta will chase the comet for eight years as it approaches the Sun, passing through the bright tail to orbit the solid nucleus. It will send important scientific data to Earth about the development of the comet as it approaches the Sun. Plans to bring back a part of the comet

for analysis had to be shelved

because of the cost. Two small probes will be dropped on to the surface of the comet's nucleus, carrying out experiments on samples of the matter making up the comet. The probes will be built by and will carry instruments from tories, including Sheffield University, Imperial College. London, and the Mullard Space Science Laboratory near Dork-

Rosetta will be the first craft to land on the surface of a comet. The Giotto probe followed Halley's comet in 1986 but did not land.

ing, Surrey.

# 'Safe' countries reject appeals to take Masari

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Appeals by the Government to find a third "safe" country to which it can send the Saudi dis-sident, Mohamed al-Masari thereby protecting lucrative arms deals - have fallen on deaf

Attempts to persuade other European Union countries and neutral Commonwealth nations to take the outspoken opponent of the Saudi royal family have so far failed, leaving the Government with a sticky problem. Only last week, the Saudi

Ambassador repeated warnings that the continued presence of Mr Masari could lead to the cancellation of the huge arms contracts and harm relations between the two countries.

In the meantime the deadline set by the immigration appeal court for the government to properly consider Mr Masari's asylum application - something it has so far failed to do for fear of upsetting bilateral relations passed last Friday. But yesterday a spokeswoman for the Home Office denied the Government was going to ignore the ruling. "The ruling is not binding and we are still considering it," she said.

Home Office ministers have made no secret of the fact that plans to deport Mr Masari are influenced by the need to maintain Britain's cordial ties with Saudi. Since arriving in the UK in 1994, his persistent allegation of corruption and demands for a transition to Islamic rule in Saudi Arabia have infuriated the Saudi royals, who have be binding on the government. Saturday to contact them.

threatened to withhold trade therefore jeopardising many British jobs. Britain stands to benefit by up to £20bn alone from the massive Al-Yamamah arms deal and British companies are major investors in the

desert kingdom. However its two attempts so far have been thwarted by the immigration courts. Its attempts to send Mr Masari first to the Yemen were blocked in March last year. And last month, its attempts to deport him to Dominica - a Caribbean country which had agreed to take him, after the promise of increased aid and a guaranteed banana trade with the UK - were similarly prevented by Judge David Pearl, the chief immigration

adjudicator. He ruled that Mr Masari may not be safe in Dominica and accused ministers of an unprecedented attempt to "circumvent" its obligations under the 1951 United Nations Convention on Refugees "for diplomatic and trade reasons". And he gave the government a month to consider his asylum claim - a deadline that expired

last week. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has since let it be known that the Government is still searching for yet

another country. But time is running out for the Government. The decision by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, not to consider Mr Masari's claim for asylum is to be the subject of a judicial review later this year - and any adverse High Court ruling will

### Plea for cameras in murder district

A Home Office minister called vision to be installed in the Leeds district of Chapeltown following the murder of mo-

torist Stevan Popovich. "Had it been in place already there is strong possibility that at least one of the cameras would have assisted in the identification of the culprit," said Timo-thy Kirkhope, MP for Leeds North East.

Yugoslav-born Mr Popovich, 74, a retired hus driver, died after being mugged when he stopped to ask directions in Chapeltown on Saturday morning. He was due to meet friends before travelling to a Serbian

charity meeting in Leicester.

Mr Kirkhope said he had the backing for the CCTV scheme from West Yorkshire police and the local council, although two local Labour councillors opposed it. The first cameras would be fitted after May when the Home Office decides whether to fund the £300,000 project onder its Challenge

Competition. The MP talked of his shock at "this foul and disgusting murder" as the dead man's widow Dragica, 65, appealed from her home in Shaw, near Oldham, Greater Manchester, for belp in catching the killer.

Her husband recently had a sister killed in the fighting in his former homeland and Mrs Popovich said: "It makes it difficult that with all the trouble there he should die like this." Police appealed to any

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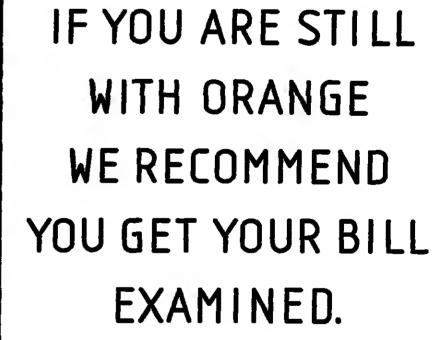
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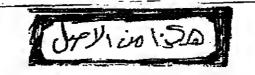
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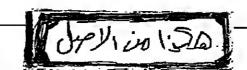
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# Gear worth £5m lost in Whitehall over 5 years

**ROS WYNNE-JONES** 

Nearly £5m worth of property has been lost or stolen from government departments in the last five years, including a consignment of Royal Navy rockets, computer chips and a

New figures compiled from parliamentary answers show a four-fold increase in losses since 1991, with the value of property stolen or unaccounted for rising to at least £4.941,409 this year.

Ian McCartney, Labour's employment spokesman, said he hegan an investigation into information technology losses after a tip off that thousands of pounds of computer equipment was missing from Whitehall,

1 believe there are criminal groups operating in or outside Whitehall," he said. "Equipment appears to he coming in the front entrance and going straight out the hack door. The MoD doesn't even bother to keep records of central records on the loss of items worth less than £100,000."

The Department of Health reported the theft of six items in 1991 worth £7,460. In 1996, 350 items were stolen worth £231,249. Serious Fraud Office equipment worth £1,300 is currently "otherwise unaccounted for" and the Foreign Office re-ported £85,000 worth of computer equipment stolen between 1994 and 1996.

Although computer technology appeared to be the higgest target for thieves, the proamentary answers also revealed other major losses.

The Department of Trade

Police are treating as murder

the deaths of identical twins

found in the same London

The body of Christopber

Henry Langford, 38, was found

in Regent Canal in Islington,

on 26 March. A post-mortem

examination showed various

injuries but the cause of death

could not be established and is

His identity was established

only after the body of his broth-

er. Anthony John. was found 50

yards away in the same canal on 3 April.

heing treated as suspicious.

other, writes Nicole Veash.

of chairs stolen, an "uninterruptable power supply" worth £9,000 was stolen from the Treasury and the Home Office reported the loss of 23 heat lamps worth £7,000 and a horse-box and its tools worth £6,500.

The Home Office was unable to explain the circumstances surrounding the loss of the horsebox due to the unavailability of staff over the hank boliday, a spokeswoman said. The DTI were likewise unable to explain the theft of the chairs.

The Ministry of Defence said a consignment of three rockets. worth £104,000, had been "lost" following the Gulf War. "We ran a six-month investigation into their whereabouts," a spokesman said. "It was decided they were either lost en mue home. or that they there were not missing at all and it was merely an accounting error."

were not dangerous and were designed to distract other rockets from reaching their targets, the spokesman added: "We run a tight system and investigate anything lost worth more than £150. However, we are a huge organisation with equipment in places as far-flung as Rwanda, Camhodia and Angola,

during a storm. The MoD also reported that tbermal imager worth

When equipment is lost it might

also be because it fell overboard

£118,000 was missing. Mr McCartney, MP for Makerfield. Lancashire, stressed that the figures he had compiled gave only a selective view of Whitehall thefts, as they represented only the information and Industry had £49,000 worth given in parliamentary answers.

A post-mortem examination

concluded that Anthony, whose

hody was wrapped in a hlue

blanket, died from bead in-

juries and his death is being

Police said both men were

heavy drinkers and lived in var-

ious hostels around the Isling-

ton area. They were unemployed and single I t is be-

lieved they had family in the

said: "It is possible that they may

have been involved in some sort

of fight among themselves or

A Scotland Yard spokesman

treated as murder.

Bedford area.

with other people."

Death of canal twins

treated as murder

island life: Lundy looks for better publicity - and a second new agent in less than a year



# Harsh times for an island paradise

MICHAEL PRESTAGE

When the rush of Easter trippers to the island of Lundy in the Bristol Channel has abated, the Landmark Trust, the charity that runs the scahird paradise, can concentrate on the task of appointing a new agent to run Lundy's affairs.

Whoever is successful - and applicants are already clamouring to take over responsibility for this tiny idyll - faces the task of restoring confidence in the island and its 20-strong community after a traumatic

Life on Lundy usually moves at a sedate pace. Its existence is known mainly to birdwatchers and nature lovers who appreciate the beauty and seclusion of this three mile-long and half mile-wide granite slab 14 miles from the Devon mainland.

But oil spills, tabloid stories of an affair by the then agent with the pub barmaid, a hattering from inclement weather and the resignation of the present agent Tony Blackler after only a few months in the post have taken their toll.

At a minimum, Mr Blackler's successor will face the same problems that eventually proved too much for him and



Tony and Cherry Blackler: Isolated life on Lundy led him to resign after only a few months

his wife, Cherry. A combination of the weather and Lundy's Landmark Trust and it was five in a way that all but the most deisolation mean that the dream job was threatening their relationship: "We were apart more time in the seven months than in the previous 13 years of marriage." said Mr Blackler, 50. speaking yesterday from bis new home on a smallholding in Cornwall. There is only one boss on Lundy and that is the weather. I would get stranded on the mainland and it would be days before I could get hack to the island.

The final straw came after Mr Blackler attended a meeting on

days before be could get back to Lundy. The couple will return as tourists and in the meantime Mr Blackler said: "Our diningroom is full of pictures of

Lundy. It is an idyllic place." After leasing the island in 1969 the Landmark Trust spent 20 years restoring the buildings that include a working farm, a pub, church, castle and three lighthouses. At best Lundy breaks even financially. Recent setbacks have meant the charity will need EC grants to cope. The last 12 months have

the mainland on behalf of the seen the profile of Lundy raised voted advocates of the adage that any publicity is good pub-

licity would have cause to regret. Newspaper reporters joined the queues for the ferry journey to Lundy aboard MS Oldenburg following the resignation of the then agent. John Puddy, after an affair he had with the island's resident harmaid became pubic. The ensuing furore hadly hit the close-knit community. Also, given the island's iso-lated position in the Bristol Channel – exposed to the vagaries of the Atlantic - setbacks

such as part of the only road being swept away in winter storms and the island's sheep having to he evacuated hecause of drought caused by the summer's heatwave could be expected. But both in a year test the precarious finances of Lundy.

Tourism is the main money carner - the Landmark Trust bas 23 boliday cottages - and so news reports that the Sea Empress tanker disaster in February had spewed crude oil on to the island's beaches was another hlow. Happily, the beaches are now completely clear, but what long-term damage bas been done remains to be seen in the waters that were in 1986 designated Britain's first statutory Marine Nature Reserve, with excellent conditions for diving and marine research.

Peter Pearce, director of the Landmark Trust, said a new agent for Lundy would need to be resilient and able to cope with the isolated life. The charity is also looking for a couple to run the Marisco Tavern, the island's only puh and restaurant.

Mr Pearce said the agent would be "somebody able to turn their band to everything and anything and take an active part in island life. It is a unique joh in Britain."

## **Best vest** guide to protect front-line police

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Help has arrived for police officers unsure about how hest to protect themselves against guntoting and knife-wielding attackers - a consumer guide to stab- and bullet-proof vests.

The initiative follows grow ing pressure for all front-line officers to be equipped with protective vests after a rise in the number of violent assaults against the police involving knives and guns.

The new police manual ex-amines a wide range of protective clothing. Among the qualities tested are the armour's ability to stop a hullet and knife, the weight of the equip-ment, the area of the body that

is protected, and the cost. High-powered rifles, hand guns, and knives are all pitted against the armour. The Manual of Ballistic and Stab Resistant Body Armour judges whether equipment passes or

The manual, which is being sent to all 43 forces in England and Wales, is an initiative of the Association of Chief Police Officers' self-defence, arrest and restraint sub-committee, which is headed by Tony Burden, chief constable of Gwent. Chief con-stables are expected to consult the guide before deciding how best to protect their officers.

Calls for universal body protection have increased in the past year as the number of attacks on the police bas grown. Despite tests the Home Office and police have failed to find a universally acceptable design, The situation bas become so fraught that hundreds of officers have been using second-hand protective equipment donated by police in the United States.

Only two forces, West Yorkshire and Northumbria. - currently supply protective vests to all operational officers. It cost more than £1m to kit the 5.000 West Yorkshire police. Vests cost from £150 to about £350. In March beat officers from the Metropolitan Police were issued for the first time with body armour that protects

against knives and hullets. Over the last five years, seven Metofficers - including PC Phillip Walters in April 1995 and Sergeant Derek Robertson in 1994 - have heen killed on

A survey of 73,000 rank-andfile officers across the country revealed last year that 90 per cent want covert and overt hody armour. More than half said armour was not available But last year Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, refused to provide any extra money to pay for the vests.

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Korean stand-off: Border quiet after Northern threats, which may improve Kim's election chances

# Pyongyang warns Seoul of 'disaster'

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

North Korea yesterday accused the South of preparing to wage war against it and warned of "irrevocable disaster" as a consequence. But after a tense weekend during which hundreds of North Korean troops entered the border area on three successive nights, there

day, the day after Pyongyang an-nounced that it would no longer three successive nights, there were no more incidents, and the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) between the two enemies was quiet last night.

The Korean peninsula is in the worst situation due to the dangerous military activities of South Korea that can be seen on the eve of war," said the Korean Central News Agency, quoting an article in Rodong Shinmun, official organ of the North Korean Workers' Party. "The South Korean puppets must know that if they regard the North's warning as empty talk and display war hysterics. they will face an irrevocable disaster. It goes without saying that their reckless war preparations are manipulated by the bellicose quarters of the United States."

Meanwhile, South Korea said it would shoot any North Korean troops crossing into the Demilitarised Zone. In the past. North Koreans have been given a chance to retreat before

In Seoul yesterday the South Korean president, Kim Young

Sam, conferred with his defence minister and generals on the latest incident on Sunday night, when truckloads of soldiers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) carried out exercises at Panmunjom, the only crossing point on the 150-mile-long

The incursions began on Frimaintain its obligations in the DMZ, which has divided the two Koreas since an armistice ended the Korean War in 1953.

President Kim was quoted as saying "South Korca will not tolerate North Korea's continued threats of reckless provocations." A foreign ministry spokesman said that it had called on 30 countries, including the United States, China, Russia and Japan, to demand that Pyongyang honour its armistice obligations.

A spokesman for the Russian foreign ministry, once one of the North's closest allies, called for "restraint above all from Pyongyang. . . The main thing is to stick to the armistice accord and not violate it before a new mechanism is worked out."

The commander of the 37,000 US forces in the South. General Gary Luck, met his Korean counterpart yesterday, but the United Nations, which supervises the armistice, continued to play down the seriousness of the incidents.

Coachloads of tourists from the South who visit the border in their hundreds to peer into the North were still being admitted to Panmunjom.

"These are illegal training events," a UN command spokesman said. "The rest of the DMZ is quiet - the same tense, dirty, nasty place it always is." In Washington, the State Department said there was nothing to indicate "an offen-sive huild-up".

Pyongyang's strategy appears be aimed at pressuring the US into concluding a separate peace treaty with the North, excluding Seoul. But it is complicated by elections to be held on Thursday to the South Korean National Assembly. Until last week, President Kim's New Korea Party (NKP) had been trailing badly and was expected to lose its majority.

The timing of the scare sug-gests it was intended to undermine the NKP's campaign but its effect may turn out to be the opposite. Mr Kim's statesmanlike response may even tip the balance in his party's favour and the NKP estimates it could boost its share of the poll by as much as 4 per cent. A cartoon in the Munwha Ilbo yesterday depicted merry North Korean troops as NKP campaign workwhile opposition leaders looked on from the sidelines,



# Chinese high flyer finds his niche in planes

TERESA POOLE

In a fast-changing economy like China's, all things are possible for those considering a career switch. So when Yuan Yongmin decided that owning a restaurant had its limitations, a move into aeroplane manufacturing looked like a reason-

able progression. One day three years ago, Mr Yuan was in his Keyuan (Source of Science) Restaurant in Peking when friends told him about a group of professors at the Naming University of Aero-nautics and Astronautics who nad designed a low-cost, ultra-

ight two-seater airplane.
"Since my youth, I have wanted to do something special," he explained. And so, since January this year, Mr Yuan, 39, has been certified as China's only rivate aircraft manufacturer.

Funded by 22 million yuan (£1.9m) in bank borrowings, Mr Yuan purchased the rights to the Nanjing design and now surveys his production base and new runway at the foot of the Yanthan mountains, north-west of Peking. In the workshop, the company's sixth aircraft has ust been assembled, in much the same way as an overgrown model plane would he, by slot-ting the pieces together. Made of fibre-glass and driven by a rear propeller, the finished product weighs in at only 240kg. reaches a flying height of 3,500 metres, and sells for about

Outside the entrance to the administrative block, a group of spivvy-looking husinessmen rom Peking parked a new Mercedes. They told Mr Yuan they were interested in buying a couple of his aircraft to start a control permitting.

recreational flying centre, and wanted immediate delivery. That's too quick," laughed a suspicious Mr Yuan.

The question is how can a restaurateur suddenly become a small-plane manufacturer in a country where airspace is still controlled by the military? Mr Yuan grew up in the Cultural Revolution, and started work in 1974 in a state restaurant. In 1986 he bought his own restaurant, and the business took off, selling Imperial-style food.

"I was only a restaurant man. 1 knew nothing about light air-craft," he says. "But 1 was al-ready interested in aeroplanes. When I heard about the Nanjing design. I was very happy. I knew transport in China was not very good; so many traffic jams. The automobile industry was developing very quickly, but I thought that light aeroplanes would have a future."-

The project has been fraught with delays. It took three years to get permits from the Civil Aviation Administration of China, who had never dealt with a private manufacturer. "I never predicted all these difficulties at the beginning. If I had known, I would never have done it," admits Mr Yuan.

His wife now runs the restaurant, whose profits are used to finance the aircraft company. The biggest challenge is who will huy the small planes, which can be used for recreation, crop spraying, aerial photogra-phy and remote postal services. So far, Mr Yuan has received orders for about 30.

To celebrate the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997. the company plans to fly one of its light aircraft from Peking to the former colony, air traffic

# Peering at the past through the wrong end of a telescope

This is a tale of misunderstandings; some minor, some serious, some long ago, others still playing themselves out. Properly speaking, the story begins in 1863, but I knew nothing of it until I came across a lifesize cutout of a Guardsman - red coat. bearskin and all - in the far south-west of Japan.

At the town of Chiran, 10 London bus is parked beside a wearing a deerstalker and in-rocky stream. Chiran is famous wearing a deerstalker and in-troducing himself as Sherlock for two things: a street of samu-rai houses with exquisite gardens, and its vast Peace Hall, but neither has anything to do with the Number 37 hus route to scope and nearly a century out Peckham, let alone a red telephone kiosk or a post box lahelled The Chase, Clapham Common". Like the Guardsman, they are there to advertise the Anglo-Satsuma Museum. The Satsuma peninsula is

indeed where the little oranges originally came from, but what when he blundered into the ret-

#### SATSUMA DAYS

and a corner of Japan that even the Japanese consider Satsuma Museum, I was greet- consequences. The story, forby an animated troducing himself as Sherlock Holmes. He in turn gave way to a series of tableaux celebrating "English" life, only viewed through the wrong end of a teleof date: men in plus-fours tee-ing off at St Andrew's, a cottage kitchen in which the dresser was Welsh and the salt and sugar jars were labelled in German. What

was going on? Mr Richardson must have been just as bewildered in 1863,

more could there be to the re-lationship between England was promptly cut down by was promptly cut down by sword-wielding samurai - a "failure to understand Japanese remote? Inside the Anglo- culture" which had dramatic ries of framed pages from 19th-century issues of the Illustrated London News. Not only does it explain why the museum is there, but also how modern Japan came to be.

On hearing of the unfortu-nate Mr Richardson's death, Queen Victoria's ministers demanded an apology and compensation from the Satsumans, but in their isolation they paid little attention to the Shoguns in Tokyo, never mind some

Satsuma-England Battle gave

monarch on the other side of

an insight to review the achieve-

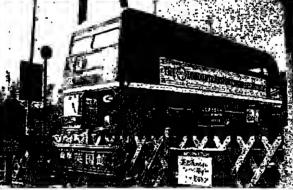
misunderstanding: a British fleet under Admiral Knper arrived off the Satsuman capital, The result of this reappraisal

A contemporary screen in Kagoshima's historical museum shows Admiral Kuper's ships bombarding the city. The Satsumans had cannon of their own - a previous lord, Shimazu Nariakira, had huilt Japan's first facdied in 1857, and his modernising ideas went with him.

With much of their capital devastated, the Satsumans apologised and paid up: the receipt, signed by the British charge in Yokohama and dated 12 December 1863, is also on display. The exhibit records what hap-pened next: "They valued old Japanese things and looked down on Western things in Satsuma. But at the same time the

The result of this reappraisal was typically Japanese. Within two years, Satsuma had sent students to University College, London to learn Western ways, In 1867, supplied with British arms, uniforms and tactics, the Satsumans marched to Tokyo. removed the Shogun and era. One of the UCL party, Ito Hirobumi, became the country's first prime minister, and in less than half a century Japan would

sink the Imperial Russian navy with ships built in the Clyde. No wonder Anglophilia is rife in Satsuma. But it is a bygone England they admire. For Mrs Tanaka, a Chiran doctor's wife. the crowning moment of her first visit was discovering that the Lake District "looked just like the drawings in the Peter Rabbit books". As we took the world. That was another ment of Nariakira, who tried to Earl Grey tea and scones on a



Good old days: The number 37 service to Peckham (above) and uniformed guardsman with bearskin (right)

terrace overlooking the stream let them see that the English still - "We call it the Thames" - she explained what had inspired her to create a shrine in which a 19th-century bowler hat and braces are held up for venera- to live in the past. tion."The Japanese have become very consumerist. They worship new things. I wanted to Raymond Whitaker

use and value old things." Once we showed the Japanese the way into the future. Now, it seems, our role is to teach them how



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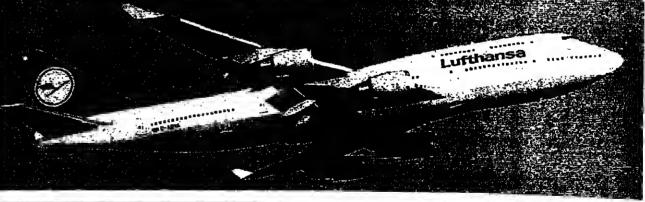
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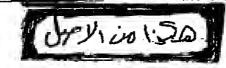
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Israel's militia in Lebanon hit by mutiny ROBERT FISK political party, and then with-drew his men from artillery positioos opposite the pro-After desertion comes mutiny. Iranian Hizboliah. At least, it does in the so-called At the same time, Canadian "South Lebanon Army", which

sources have told the Independent that about 40 SLA gummen, is trained, uniformed and paid by Israel. At least 30 and without their weapons but with El Al airline tickets issued in perhaps as many as 100 of the pro-Israeli militiamen in the Israel, are arriving from Tel Aviv every year to claim political asy-Israeli occupation zone in the sonth of Lebanon have been lum. Morale in the SLA, whose disarmed after a local officer warriors are supposed to be decided to set up his own defending Galilee from what the

Israelis call "international terrorism", has now reached such depths that some of its members have turned up in Beirul to seek sanctuary after being forcibly pressed into the militia.

One of their officers told the Independent that family members are being threatened by the Israelis with imprisonment in the old French mandate jail at Khiam if they do not provide one young man from each fam-

The same officer complained that one third of his men's salaries were being paid by the

Israelis in fake \$100 bills. Israel has denied involvement in the forgery of dollar bills. The notes emerging from the Israeli occupation zone are state-of-the-art counterfeits. So many are now circulating in southern Lebanon that United Nations forces in the area have long been forbidden to use any \$100 hills there.

It was at the isolated hilltop village of Khiam that the SLA mutiny began last week. The local militia commander, Riad Abdullah, demanded the right to form a political party and to organise his own "political assembly", ordering several of his men to distribute political pamphlets around the district advertising his intention. When they were arrested, he ordered

the withdrawal of at least 30 of

his subordinates, although as

many as 100 may have been involved, from Israeli artillery hatteries in southern Lebanon, whose gunpits are regularly attacked by the Hizbollah. Israeli officers immediately ordered the disarming of the

mutinous men and Mr Abdullah has been placed under Local Lebanese journalists have been threatened with expulsion from their homes, along

with their families, if they con-

Beirul. The Hizbollah have repeatedly warned over the past six months that, whatever the terms of any future Israeli-Lebanese peace agreement, they will execute any Lebanese militiamen who have worked for Israel in southern Lebanon.

tinue to send reports about the

rebellion to their newspapers in

Their plan to break the SLA's morale appears to be working, not least hecause Israel abandoned many of its proxy

lier withdrawal in 1985, most of whom were murdered within days of the Israelis' departure. For the 2,000 SLA members

who are still under arms, however, there appears to be no prohibition on the purchase of El Al tickets ahroad; which is one reason why the Canadians are trying to discover just how dangerous life is for Israel's proxy army in southern Lebanon.

# Civilians flee as war threatens to engulf Liberia

Monrovia (Reuters) - Shooting broke out again in the Liberian capital yesterday and gunmen from rival ethnic factions prowled the streets after clashes at the weekend which forced thousands of civilians to flee from their homes.

A US military assessment team was heading for the city by helicopter from Sierra Leone to decide whether to evacuate US and other foreign nationals because of the clashes which have sparked fears of a return to allout war. And the Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity, Salim Ahmed Salim, warned: "The fighting in Monrovia represents a new, dangerous and unacceptable escalation of the conflict.

The fighting began after a weekend stand-off between supporters of warlord Roosevelt Johnson and the transitional ruling council of state, which has sacked him as a government minister and ordered police to arrest him for murder.

Rival militiamen moved about in the city centre yesterday, particularly around the harracks of the former national army where Mr Johnson was reported to have taken refuge.

Diplomats said several thousand civilians had taken refuge in a US emhassy annexe and Washington had drafted cootingency plans to evacuate US nationals. "The military persongel on the assessment team will determine if, when, where and how we should evacuate, if they decide on evacuation,"

one diplomatic source said.

Diplomats said foreign nationals had been trapped in other parts of the city. There are a lot of people who are still in their homes. They are confined

to their areas," one said. The radio station of Charles Taylor, the council member whose National Patriotic Front of Liberia launched the civil war in 1989, advised civilians to leave the area of the harracks. Government military forces and police units are about to carry out a major mop-up opera-tion in the area," it said.

Nearby residents said that militiamen from Mr Johnson's Krahn tribe were coercing civilians to go with them into the harracks. Many members of the former national army, the Armed Forces of Liberia, are Krahn. "Johnson forces are asking people to go into the barracks. They want to use us as human shields," one resident said. Fighting prevented Easter

church services in much of the capital of Africa's oldest independent republic, an officially Christian nation founded by freed American slaves in 1847. The seeds of the crisis go back

to February wheo the council suspended Mr Johnson from the government after commanders in his Ulimo-J faction ousted him as leader. The peace deal agreed by Liberia's warlords and civiliao politicians created the sixmember ruling council and envisaged a ceasefire. But the killing goes on and the 150,000 death toll continues to rise.



Passover prayers: A man turns away from the Wailing Wall during the prayers of Cohenim, or "priestly blessing" In Jerusalem yesterday. Thousands of Jews called Cohen – considered descendants of the second Temple's high priest – gathered in the city for Passover. They were guarded by hundreds of police and soldiers white a small group of extremists tried unsuccessfully to force their way into a nearby Muslim site Photograph: Reuters

## Landlords hunt for freed slaves in Pakistan

New Delhi

Fears are growing among human rights activists that some of the 140 bonded labourers freed from slavery on Friday may have been re-captured by their feudal owners in southern

When police, acting on a tip from a runaway worker, raided a landowner's farm in Sindh province, they discovered more than 140 labourers, many of them women and children, who were chained while they worked in sugarcane fields. Armed guards watched over them.

Pakistani law prohibits forced and unpaid labour, but many of the freed labourers claimed they had been working for their feudal boss, Abdul Rehman Marri, for more than 25 years, trying to pay off their dehts.

The amount of money they had horrowed was tiny, barely enough to huy medicine for a sick child, or pay for a daughter's dowry. But the landlord charged them interest on the loan, so that it grew into a staggering sum that the peasants could never pay off. If a labourer died of over-work, his son had to work off the deht.

Anti-slavery activists found temporary shelter for some freed labourers in Christian churches. But according to Aziz Siddiqi, a director of the Human Rights Commission in Labore, others may have "drifted into the hands of other feudal landlords in Sindh province".

Mr Siddiqi said: "We're con-cerned about them. They don't have much of a choice, either to starve in freedom, or to end up again in bondage.

In feudal Sindh, the home province of the Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, Mr Siddiqi says that "there is a pact among the big landowners to co-oper-

ate against the workers". Human rights activists fear that the families who were freed from servitude may be hauled back to the landlord, Mr Marri, who was not arrested. "Some of these landowners

keep families like slaves. They imprison them at night in stockades with high walls and shackle them. Even when the bonded labourers are working in the fields, they are sometimes forced to wear 25kg fetters on their legs, Mr Siddiqi said. Few landlords are ever ar-

rested, as Sindh's provincial assembly is controlled by feudal landowners. It was only after a peasant fled from Mr Marri's farm and notified the Human Rights Commission in Sindh that police carried out a raid.

The runaway guided them to the farm where the other bonded labourers had heen chained up to stop them from escaping.

Human rights workers were forced to flee after the landowner's gunmen fired shots. But the activists returned with police officers and freed the labourers. "Some were children. They were born into slavery and traded hack and forth between the landlords," Mr Siddiqi said.

# Ogoni anger at activist 'arrests'

FRANK AIGBOGUN

Lagos - Memhers of the Ogoni ethnic group accused the military regime of detaining hundreds of activists before a UN team arrived in their stronghold in south-eastern

Nigeria yesterday.
The fact-finding team was in the city of Port Harcourt, where the military dictatorship hanged the playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni dissidents in November.

The minority Ogonis accused the regime of arresting 30 activists and detaining hundreds of people in advance of the UN visit. One Ogoni leader said he had received death threats. The government denied the reports and alleged the Ogonis were plotting to stir up trouble.



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The four-man team, which has been in Nigeria for 11 days, was to meet with Saro-Wiwa's family and with families of the four Ogoni chiefs he was alleged to have murdered.

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A letter to the UN team by Ledun Mitee, deputy president of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, said he had been threatened with death if he spoke to the team and hinted it should stay away.

Before I am killed and another fact-finding team is arranged to probe the circumstances of my death ... you may Ogoni," said the letter published in Lagos newspapers yester-day. "I do not want any more Ogoni to be harmed, molested or killed. We have had enough."

Mr Mitee said government gents had been going from village to village, rounding up anyone they suspected might provide the UN team with claims against the government.

which were carried out despite international appeals for clemency, and brought international condemnation.

Human rights groups main-tain the nine were framed hecause of their opposition to the military ruler, General Sani Abacha, and to the oil industry. Oil brings in 90 per cent of Nigeria's export earnings, but has de-stroyed much of the water and farmland in the Ogoni region.

The UN team was given per mission to visit several promi nent political prisoners, including the jailed dissident Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the aborted 1993 presidential election, and the former military head of state. Gen Olusegun Obasanjo. They are among dozens of high-profile figures arrested since Gen The UN visit was prompted by the executions in November, Abacha took power in 1993.

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# Serbs come to terms with Macedonia

Balkan breakthrough: Deal on forging ties with breakaway state eases region's tensions

TONY BARBER

Rump Yugoslavia and its former republic of Macedonia normalised their relations yesterday, signing a treaty that may reduce tensions in the southern Balkans. Foreign Ministers Milan Milutinovic of Yugoslavia and Ljubomir Frckovski of Macedonia toasted each other

with champagne after signing the treaty in Belgrade. The treaty may enable Yugoslavia, which comprises Serbia and Montenegro, 10 break out of the international isolation imposed for the Serb role in the wars in Croatia and Bosnia. The European Union said in January that it would not extend full recognition to Yugoslavia unless it normalised relations with Macedonia.

Macedonians voted for independence in September 1991, less than three months after the outhreak of war between Serb forces and the breakaway republics of Slovenia and Croatia. Since then, Macedonia bas led a precarious existence, a fact underlined by last year's attempted assassination of the President, Kiro Gligorov.

The state is known formally at the UN as the Former Yu- of international commercial goslav Republic of Macedonia, a formula which reflects Greece's objection that the term Macedonia implies a territorial claim on the northern Greek province of the same name. Greece imposed a trade embargo on Macedonia in 1994 and lifted it last year only after extracting a promise from its neighbour to remove the Star of Vergina, claimed by Greece as an exclusively Greek symbol.

from the Macedonian flag. Macedonia's independence and identity have been vulnerable to pressure from other quarters. Yugoslavia's refusal until yesterday to normalise relations suggested Serbs were reluctant to acknowledge that Macedonia, known in pre-1939

Yugoslavia as "southern Ser-bia", was now a sovereign state. Meanwhile, Bulgaria recognised Macedonia's independence but not a distinct Macedonian nationality.

Another potential threat to Macedonia's stability comes from its large ethnic Albanian population, concentrated in western regions and representing at least 20 per cent of the state's 2 million people. Albanians allege the Slav Macedonian majority discriminates against them, and want their separate national status enshrined in the constitution.

Yugoslavia has its own Albanian problem in the southern Serbian province of Kosovo, where tensions run high between the Serb authorities and the Albanian majority. The Albanian question is one issue on which Serbs and Slav Macedonians tend to see eye to eye.

Although Yugoslavia has won back some international respectability since belping to negotiate the Bosnian peace accord at Dayton, difficulties plague its relations with several Yugoslav successor states.

Yugoslavia is angry at Slovenia's efforts to reach a separate deal with the London Club banks, over its share of the foreign debt, incurred by Communist Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia fears that unless it is recognised as the sole successor to the Communist state. it could lose much of the gold and bard-currency assets that are frozen around the world. For its part, Slovenia wants to establish itself on world capital markets and prepare for entry into the EU.

Yugoslavia's relations with Croatia remain in difficulty because of the occupation by Serb rebels of Croatia's province of eastern Slavonia. The area is due to return to Croat control within two years, but Serbs in the region still hope to block the agreement.



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Peace hopes: Worshippers attend Mass in a ruined church as Catholics celebrated their first Easter in post-war Sarajevo

# Iran defends 'humanitarian' arms lift

Tehran (Reuter) - Iran, re-sponding to reports that it seretly sent arms to Bosnian Muslims, said yesterday it had supplied bumanitarian aid to Bosnia through legal channels.

The Iranian ambassador to Sarajevo, Mohammad Ebrahim Taherian, quoted by the official Iranian news agency, Irna, said: "Iran's bumanitarian assistance to Bosnia was carried out

of support Iran gave Bosnia. "He stressed the assistance was offered through various chan-nels, especially Islamic countries and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, and there had been no need for US ap-

proval," Irna said. Last week the Los Angeles Times said President Bill Clin- partment did not deny the re-

led government.

"Based on our Islamic beliefs and our nation's deep sympathy with the Bosnian Muslims, we considered ourselves bound to support and offer assistance, Mr Taherian told Irna.

In Washington, the State De-

through legal and official chan-nels." He did not say what kind of support Iran gave Bosnia. ton gave the green light to se-cret arms shipments from Iran to Bosnia's embattled Muslim-bargo - which helped lock in a weapons advantage for Serbs nied any arms had been sent.

Iran's assistance at a critical over the Muslims - the administration complied with it.

Eight Islamic states, including Iran, last July declared the UN arms embargo against the former Yugoslavia invalid for Bosnia. In August, Tehran and Sarajevo said they discussed tween the US and Sarajevo.

the possibility of Iranian military aid. They gave no details and Iranian officials have de-

time when the Muslims bad few other allies has helped establish a footbold for Tehran in Bosnia. Reports of Iranian fighters in Bosnia, denied by Tehran, have caused tension be-

Rebel Kurds killed Tunceli, Turkey - Security of\$100,000-8

ficials said yesterday that 27 soldiers and 90 Kurdish rebels had been killed in three days of harsh fighting in the country's

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The clashes, in the mountainous north of the province of Diyarbakir and in the nearby Bingol, were some of bloodiest in the 12-year-old campaign by the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) for autonomy or independence in the region. Reuter

Chechen assault

Grozny - Russian troops conducted intensive combat operations in south-eastern Chechnya yesterday, in an effort to drive rebel forces out of two of their mountain strong-

Molester released

San Antonio — A self-pro-fessed "child-molesting demon" was released from prison after agreeing to "unprecedented" parole restrictions. Larry Mc-Quay bas asked to be castrated in the hope that it will stop his urge to molest.

Last sighting

Phnom Penh — A British landmine removal expert and his Cambodian interpreter, taken captive two weeks ago by an armed gang, were seen alive last week. Christopher Howes, 36, from Bristol, was working with a team of Cambodian mine

**Body parts arrest** Hackensack, New Jersey -

Russian immigrant Vladimir Zelemin, 40, was being held on suspicion of dumping body parts in plastic bags into a New Jersey river. Islamists raided

Kuwait - Police seized light

weapons in raids on bouses be-

longing to a group of Islamists who threatened a journalist

with a pistol over a cartoon deemed offensive to Islam, the Arab Times reported. Reuter

Pollution charges Manila - Officials said yesterday they were filing criminal charges against executives of Marcopper and threatened to blacklist the partly Canadianowned mining firm after its toxic waste swamped a 15-mile

State of emergency

Colombo - With the government still embroiled in a civil war against Tamil rebels, the president has proclaimed a nationwide state of emergency that gives her sweeping legal and military powers. The opposition criticised the move as an attempt to curb political

Visionary thinkers

Peking - Hoping to draw more tourists to their little-known temple, monks at Yongquan monastery bave paid \$20,000 to advertise on local television. They wanted to "better communicate with the outside

# French doctors threaten strike over health reform

French GPs and specialists are up in arms and threatening a strike later this month in protest against proposed reforms to the health service that will directly

affect the way they work. The reforms, which emphasise spending targets and quality control and resemble in many ways the highly contested NHS reforms in Britain, are part of the comprehensive over-

nounced by the French government last year to curb spiralling costs.

The proposals are framed in two draft ordinances - measures designed to be rushed through parliament with minimal debate - and relate to doctors on the one band, and to the running of bospitals on the other. In a neat piece of political timing, the

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Leaders of the biggest doctors' association, the Confederation of French Medical Unions, were nonetheless so incensed that they have already called a strike for 24 April, the day on which the French Cabinet is to finalise the provisions.

One reason for the doctors' anger is their apparent failure to have the threat of financial sanctions removed. When the

tumn, the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, mooted the possibility of freezing fees or docking money from doctors who exceeded state-set spending targets.

Through the weeks of publicservice strikes, which were directed primarily against proposed changes to the social security and pension system, the doctors were quiet. Behind the scenes, they were conducting an intense lobbying campaign.

nnounced last au- been successful. The draft or- anguish were immediate dinance on doctors' practice shows, however, that the proposed sanctions bave, if anything, been toughened.

Doctors will face a freeze on their fees if they exceed the annual spending target - this year set at an increase of 2.1 per cent over last year. In addition, individual doctors face the prospect of returning to the health insurance companies the amount they are deemed to

The proposed hospital reform includes the creation of re-

gional bealth agencies to negotiate contracts between the state and medical insurance companies on the one hand and the bospitals on the other. The contracts will contain requirements for quality of care, as well as budgetary stipulations. It is unclear whether the

government's tougher stance on bealth reform is a bargain-

haul of the welfare system anend, making it difficult for them health and welfare reforms which they believed to have bave overspent. The howls of ing tactic designed to leave whether it is final. The doctors, however, fear the worst. They cite a recent estimate by the economy minister, Jean Arthuis, that the bealth and social security budget could overspent by more than twice the estimated 17bn francs. Although Mr Artbuis's deputy described the figure as "random", doctors fear they might have to pick up the tab.

# Islanders set to be rid of carping Governor

Providenciales, Turks and

The controversial British governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Martin Bourke, may be replaced in September as a result of pressure from the Caribbean islanders. Local poblicians who went to London last week to demand his recall said yesterday they had been given to understand by the Foreign Office that be would not stay beyond September.

In a statement accusing Mr Bourke of "blatant and mischievous lies" by suggesting they had threatened him with violence, the politicians hinted a compromise had been reached whereby he would not remain beyond the minimum threeyear term. He took over in 1993 with an open-ended term.

The statement, signed by the Chief Minister, Derek Taylor, and the opposition leader, Washington Misick, said: "We believe it to be in the interests of all parties, particularly Mr Bourke, that he should be allowed to leave at the earliest possible opportunity." It was implied local leaders would refuse to co-operate with him during the rest of his term.

Commenting on a Foreign Office statement that they bad threatened violence, the politicians said: "Violence will not form part of this struggle. We may not be on hand to wish him farewell but we are determined that Mr Bourke should leave in good bealth.

Mr Bourke, 49, angered most of the 15,000 islanders earlier this year when he spoke in an interview of drug-trafficking. rising crime and corruption. The politicians said his com-



ments would hinder badly need-

Eve of the storm: Martin Bourke, the Turks and Calcos Governor, outside his residence Photograph: Paul Grover

ed investment, particularly in tourism and offshore finance. Mr Bourke also upset many when he was flown on a private jet to Miami last month for an appendicectomy rather than be operated on here.
At last week's Whitehall

meeting the Foreign Office rejected demands for his recall. Questioned about yesterday's statement, locals said they thought a compromise under which the Governor would leave at the end of the minimum

term was the only face-saving solution for both sides. In an interview at the week-Bourke said be was concerned ing down buildings is not un-

end with the Independent, Mr for his safety and that of his wife, Anne Marie. "Violence is not unknown here," he said. "Burnknown. When you have drugs and politics, nasty things hap-pen." Mr Bourke used to be seen regularly around Grand Turk, the island which is the seat of government, in bis "limou-sine" - a white-painted London taxi." You'd see him from time

to time in the Turk's Head bar or the Nookie Hill Club," said one resident. "But he's not one resident. "But he's not venturing out much any more."

Mr Bourke, whose main duty is to take part in the weekly cabinet meeting, spent Easter trying to arrange the repatriation of 70 people from the Dominican Republic wbo arrived illegally last week. Growing numbers of people from the Dominican Republic and, more so, Haiti, bave become the Turks.

Haiti, bave become the Turks and Caicos's main problem.

Officials say there may be about 6,000 illegal Haitians here, along with 5,000 legals, making the Haitian contingent almost as hig as the possible income the same than t almost as big as the population of natives and "belongers" (expatriates granted citizenship).
Locals blame the Haitians for
much of the rise in crime, mostly burglaries. Officials say there is a Haitian mafia in the Haitian port of Cap-Haitien which charges people about \$700 (£460) for the trip, dropping them off in the shallow waters off the coast of the island of

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# \$500,000-a-day siege declines to spring any Easter surprises

The word at the Hellcreek bar, where the FBI, ranchers, and camera crews drink out their lonely evenings in Jordan, is that the government operation against the Montana Freemen is costing more than \$500,000 (£330,000) a day.

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But yesterday there was no sign of an end to the stand-off. in which the FBI has surrounded a collection of bankrupt sheep ranchers and anti-government conmon who promised to pay their debts with

Country life goes on despite a tense stand-off, Tim Cornwell discovers in Jordan, Montana homemade money orders. Two weeks after agents arrested three Freemen leaders and is-

sued warrants for eight others, there was no sign that the fugi-tives were ready to give themselves up from their self-proclaimed Justus Township, a ranch 40 miles from Jordan, as officials had begun to

Montana legislator and mem- The FBI, though they man ber of the negotiating team that met twice with Freemen leaders last week in a trailer 200 yards from their farmhouse.
"It is so deep and complicated,

it's hard to get a handle." The Freemen and the television crews overlooking the

every crossroad for miles, were nowhere to be seen. The Freemen could be seen sitting on deckchairs in the sunset, clutching drinks, waving occasionally. They have warned the media to stay at least a quarter of a mile away and are said to

be heavily armed. "Here he comes ... come out

uation," said Joe Quilici, a binoculars at a safe distance. buddy," a cameraman whispered to his television monitor and then struggled in the dusk light to capture the most vivid image of the weekend: a little girl venturing out of the house carrying an Easter basket, followed by a man with a rifle over his shoulder. Three men standing by a truck on a bluff about two miles away were manning a Freemen outpost and they

changed shifts at teatime. Ear- handed out fake money orders lier, two young girls rode a horse. Geese honked as they flew over the ranch's pond, and a neighbouring farmer chased down a calf, in a curiously bucolic scene.

The Freemen are led by men like Leroy Schweitzer, 57, a former crop-dusting pilot who travelled the country offering financial classes in which he drawn on fictitious banks. Hundreds of people, including many struggling farmers, paid \$300 to sign up. Mr Schweitzer was one of the first to be ar-

rested, but a close associate is still in the besieged ranch. Other Freemen include a family on the run from criminal charges associated with far-

right anti-tax groups in North

Carolina, and a 10-year-old girl with her mother, who is a member of a fringe religious cult. But most of the Freemen are

members of two long-established families of third- and fourth-generation ranchers, the Stantons and the Clarks, who have lost legal possession of family land after running up mil-

lions of dollars in farm loans. After threatening to hang the local sheriff, and handing out fake cheques, they now face several years in jail.

# bope at the weekend. "It is a very, very volatile sit"It is a very, very volatile sit-Hawaii moves to legalise gay marriages

RIPERT CORNWELL

Adénouement is approaching inthe bitterly divisive argument here over gay marriages, as Hawaii moves towards hecoming the first state formally to legalse the practice - the latest round in a controversy which pits liberals against conservatives, state against state, and which could have an impact on the presidential election cam-

paign this autumn. Burring a major surprise in the courts, it seems likely that, despite the furious efforts of Christian and conservative groups across the country, Hawiii will have no choice but to pu: a gay or lesbian marriage on the same legal footing as one between a man and a woman withir the next few weeks.

Driving the issue is a complaint first filed in 1991 by three homosexual couples in Hawai that they were discriminated against when the state refused to allow them marriage licences. The case, requiring Hawaii to show a "compelling interest' for its action, is due be ruled upon by an appeals court in August. Most legal experts believe the state will lose, especially since Hawaii's own constitution outlaws discrimination based upon sex.

effort to pre-empt Hawaii, four states - Utah, Idaho. South Dakota and most recently Georgia last week - have passed laws explicitly banning recognition of same-sex marriages carried out elsewhere. A dozen have rejected such a measure. hut 15 others are still debating it, several of them states where

Christian fundamentalists wield

much influence. This in turn raises a constitutional quandary which only the Supreme Court can resolve. Gay marriages will be legal in some states and not in others. Unlike Hawaii's constidoes not ban discrimination on the basis of sex.

But it does require that each state give "full faith and credit" to the "public acts and proceedings" of another.

Thus gay couples may flock to Hawaii to marry and obtain the rights which marriage brings, and then demand those rights be respected in their home state as well.

The rights in question affect everything from pensions and social-security benefits to taxation, alimony and divorce, even child custody and the immigranon rights of a sponse/partner from another country. But, ation based upon sex. bowever weighty, those con-The outcome could be legal siderations pale beside the ba-

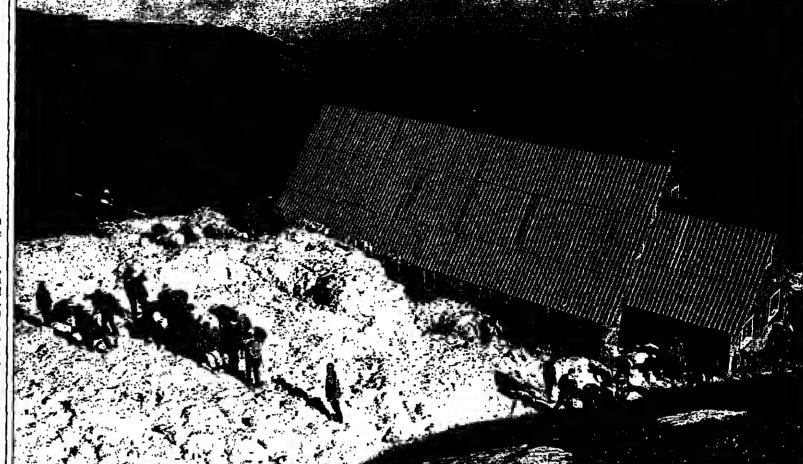
chaos across the country. In an sic moral controversy, which could have a bearing on the presidential campaign.

Homosexual groups, an increasingly well-organised force, say marriage is a basic human right. They argue that to extend it to gays as well will only en-hance the "family values" and social stability so dear to both major parties. Even so, both Democrats and Republicans will have to tread exceedingly carefully on the issue.

During his 1992 election

campaign, President Bill Clinton wooed the gay community with some success - only to see his support for the right of hotution, the US Constitution mosexuals to serve in the military create a controversy the following year which shook his young administration to its roots. Since then the White House has not breathed a word on the issue. And Bob Dole, Senate Ma-

jority Leader and Mr Clinton's presumed opponent in November, has also bad problems negotiating the hazards of gay politics. Last year Mr Dole accepted a campaign donation from the Log Cabin gay rights group, only to have aides return it when be was told of its source. That volte-face, however was criticised as a cave-in to the re-



Rescue workers search for survivors after an avalanche on Mount Cotopaxi, Ecuador, the highest active volcano in the world, at 5,897 metres. Local reports said 30 people had been buried in the snow; nine were confirmed dead

# Suspect's brother agonised over Unabomber

JOHN CARLIN Washington

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David Kaczynski agonised for more than six months before alerting the FBI to his suspicions that his brother, Theodore, arrested last Wednesday in Monand injured 23 across America over the past 18 years.

Tony Bisceglie, the Kaczyn-ski family lawyer, said yesterday that David Kaczynski first be-gan to suspect his brother last summer after reading accounts ligious right – with the result tana on charges of possessing that Mr Dole changed his mind again and accepted the money. It is tana on charges of possessing that Mr Dole changed his mind explosives, might be the notogen by the locations where the bombs bad been mailed. In September, bowever, his fears

bombs have killed three people were amplified with the publication in the New York Times do that." and the Washington Post of a manifesto by the Unabomber.

"David Kaczynski read the manifesto with the idea that be would be able to immediately discount any connection between his brother and the Unabomber," Mr Bisceglie said. "Unfortunately, when he read

the manifesto, be was unable to

In October, driven by a "very sincere desire to ensure that no further lives were lost", David Kaczynski gathered samples of his brother's writings and consulted experts who "concluded that there was a significant probability that that the manifesto and these writings were

written by the same individual," Mr Bisceglie said. He added that David had gone through "a great deal of anguish" before deciding to report his brother.

"This is a very loving family. The FBI was said vesterday to be occumulating evidence to upgrade the charge against Theodore Kaczynski from possession of explosives to murder.

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# obituaries/gazette

# **Professor Brian Abel-Smith**

Some great people are insufficiently appreciated in their lifetime - and among them are those who avoid the limelight quite deliberately. Brian Abel-Smith matched sheer brillianœ with genuine modesty.

His contributions to government, international health and health services, politics and social policy read like the considerable careers of four separate people, equally intriguing and full of influence and vitality.

11 was the National Health

Service which earned his particular devotion. He did more than anyone to acquaint others with the reasons for its existence - and how it had to be adapted to new circumstances. His books on The Cost of the Health Service in England and Wales (with Richard Titmuss), 1956: A History of the Nursing Profession, 1960; Paying for Health Services, 1963; The Hospitals 1800-1948, 1964; established a formidable case for a comprehensive public service and are still among the best things any student can read. He was a member of different government committees defending hut developing - the NHS.

The flow of work on health

services confinued throughout the 1970s to the 1990s: An International Study of Health Expenditure, 1967; Value for Money in Health Services. 1976; National Health Service: the first 30 years, 1978; The Organisation, Financing and Cost of Health Care in the European Community, 1979; Planning the Finances of the Health Sector, 1989; and An Introduction to Health: Policy, Planning and Financing. 1994. This work on health became vigorously cross-national. He was employed part-time by the World Health Organisation from 1957 onwards, and his contributions to health services in Europe and poor countries outside Europe, starting in Mauritius and continuing until. most lately, in Indonesia, made him more influential elsewhere

than in his own country. I came to know him first as someone who was apparently an aristocrat with royal connections (at the time he was said to be 27th in line to the throne) and who happened to be writing a

the definition of poverty. I was writing independently at the same time, and interviewing scores of families, on the same subject. These two interests brought us together and remained dominant in our lives for the next 40 years.

His contributions to govern-

ment are less well known than to academic social science and for that reason especially intriguing. Both of us had joined the Fabian Society (begun in the 1880s by Shaw, Wells and others to plan socialist policies), and sought to give it more social purpose. We wrote a pam-phlet, "New Pensions for the Old, on the future of pensions in 1955 and were invited by the Labour politician Dick Crossman to join himself and Richard Titmuss, one of the formative influences on the post-war Welfare State, to prepare a new Labour Party plan for national superannuation, which was pub-lished in 1957 and endorsed at the Party's annual conference. Richard Titmuss had the pol-

icy judgement and I had some of the sociological knowledge of family living conditions, but Brian Abel-Smith had the economic skill and dexterity to make this a visionary as well as a politically-appealing document. Hugh Gartskell, sceptical of Crossman, asked his most dependable expert on the economy, Tony Crosland, to check

1 recall evenings in Vincent Square. Westminster. lolling on armchairs, each trying (and Ahel-Smith successfully) to outhid Crosland's command of the vernacular as well as of the economic technicalities. There were sparkling exchanges, few amendments needed to he made, Crosland reported back, satisfied. We all learned of the henefits to be derived from producing planning documents early, and subjecting them to merciless scrutiny. Abel-Smith had been picked

out in the 1950s by Hugh Dalton, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, as someone with a potentially glittering political future. Few of us had any doubt about his capacity for leadership in the Treasury. He refused to apply for safe seats, more hecause of the risk of public hu-PhD on health at Cambridge miliation if he was discovered University. During those early to be homosexual than anything years he also wrote a paper on else. I have always wondered

he come to intellectual maturity 15 years later. He became instead probably the most influential political adviser ap-pointed by successive Labour governments, first in 1968 to Crossman, and then, in turn, to Barbara Castle, David Ennals and finally Peter Shore.

He chose back-room political advice to successive senior ministers at the expense of his academic research career. He was also too much of a socialist in the 1960s to accept a life peerage. Cabinet ministers grew to depend on his total discretion and, unusually, he earned glowing tributes from career civil servants.

Affordable, adequate wel-fare, detailed planning on behalf of the underdog, universal public services – these were his cardinal values. Would that they were general today - as he reflected in a letter to me only weeks ago. He was the powerful figure behind a list of measures on pensions, health services, disability allowances and community care which did much to make Britain a more settled and less divided country in the 1960s and 1970s than it has since become.

During these years at the

heart of government he gave indefatiguable support behind the scenes as Treasurer, and later Vice-President, of the Fahian Society. As a socialist he appreciated the importance not just of creating public institutions hut standing by them through thick and thin. He played a hig part in the founda-toin of the Child Poverty Action Group, and was Governor of St Thomas' Hospital for many years. Most importantly, he supported the cause of social policy at the London School of Economics, and played a key part administratively for more than three decades.

His capacity for penetrating, indeed advecturous, analysis, led to one of the most original contributions to the role of Law of this century. His hook with Robert Stevens, Lawyers and the Courts (1967), was a sociological study of the English legal system from 1750 to 1965 which showed its social origins and mode of control and helped to make an unanswerable case for its modernisation. The sequel, In Search of Justice



(1968), went on to show the failmgs of the legal system as a social service and, had it got the attention it deserved, might have led to some of the root and branch changes which are now all too obviously needed.

His wit could be discomfitting, and could be applied with devastating, but also fundamentally constructive, effects. Once he unravelled Florence Nightingale's reputation (whom he also revered) before a group of Nightingale ourses. They were never the same again. Deeply radical people have an ability to analyse figures who are almost mythical and turn them into recognisable human beings.

Along with Barbara Wootton he is a relatively oeglected cre-

Orchestra and the inspiration of

his hero Charlie Parker no

doubt influenced him to form,

subsequently, the Steve Pheas-ant Quintet which played every

Friday at the White Hart Inn.

Drury Lane, in central London.

from the mid 1970s to the ear-

Students of his at the Royal

Free Hospital and University

College London, where he

lectured for many years in

Anatomy, Biomechanics and

Ergonomics, the scientific study

of people and work, could

rarely have encountered a more

exceptional communicator. His

ability to conceptualise and

then project complex hio-mechanical functions in a suit-

able mode for student learning were testimony to his instinct for

He followed with keen in-

terest the progress of the ergonomists be helped train

and was always free to discuss

research issues. His academic

and textbook publications were

recognised for their application

and clarity, a talent acknowl-

edged through the 1974 award,

education and scholarship.

ative genius of post-war social policy in Britain. Perhaps this is hecause he was both distinguished social scientist and politician manqué. Perhaps it is because he was unreservedly loyal to Richard Titmuss and the department at LSE which played such a hig part in the analysis of the maturing Welfare State. He lacked envy and had that inner strength which allowed his private life to be rich indeed - as friends discovered in marvelling at his gardening and culinary skills. These were both built hugely oo his stable home with John Sarbutt - a marvellous foil

to his appreciation of human

strength and frailty and a force

private strength with public

Peter Townsend

Brian Abel-Smith, social scientist and government policy adviser. bom London 6 November 1926; Assistant Lecturer in Social Science, LSE 1955-57, Lecturer 1957-61; Reader in Social Administration, London University (at LSE) 1961-65, Professor of Social Administration 1965-91. consultant and adviser, World Health Organisation 1967-96; Special Adviser to Secretary of State for Social Services 1968-70. 1974-78, to Secretary of State for the Environment 1978-79; Adviser to the Commissioner for Social Affairs, EEC 1977-80; died London 4 April 1996.

### which enabled both to match Dr Stephen Pheasant

Gordoo Clough was one of the founders of modern radio jour-

An early member of the elite stable of The World At One under Andrew Boyle and William Hardcastle, be deployed wide learning (lightly), acute journalism and a beautiful baritone voice from the presenter's chair of The World At One, PM, and The World This Weekend, from the 1970s to the early Nineties.

A scholarship hoy from Bolton School, he read French and Russian at Magdalen College, Oxford. After "bobbing about in a boat on the Baltic' listening in to Soviet radio traffic during National Service, he joined the BBC's Russian Service and was banned from entering the Soviet Union as an alleged former spy. He was to overcome that calumny later in

his career. In 1968 he joined mainstream radio journalism and soon made his mark, particularly in The World This Weekend. where he thrived by interviewing politicians reflectively, even ruminatively, years before the political interview had become a commonplace of weekend

At first meeting his guests were often surprised to see that the owner of the hig beautiful voice was a small scruffy man, and Gordon Clough exuded a vulnerability that made some of the most unlikely peo-

ple want to protect him. Summoned to Chequers to interview the Prime Minister in the early-Eighties, Clough was stunned to see Mrs Thatcher tapping the vacant space on the sofa beside her and saying:



**Gordon Clough** 

whisky when the interview was

the late 1980s the pathfinding World At One tradition had long become orthodoxy and this was prohably enough for Clough to begin to tire of the presenter's chair. He started to grumble that too many programmes were chasing the same political story too hard and too long the variety of life was being lost. It was then that he made

his providential self-discovery. Already a writer of some of the most eloquent - and the longest - sentences since Gibbon, he became a wonderful reporter in his mid-fifties.

His opportunity was the Gorbachev revolution. Unbanned. he returned to the crumbling Soviet Union to make four of the finest series of documentary journalism the BBC produced at the time, Revolution Without Shots (1987), The Indissoluble Union (1989), Death of a Superpower (1991) and Ashes of Empire (1991): he also won sofa beside her and saying:
"Come Gordon, sit by me" –
and honouring him with a stiff
tory on the wing, capturing the

very essence of the break-up of the Soviet system as it happened, from the top of society to the bottom. The honours list of Soviet reformers around Gorbachev - Aganbegyan, Yavlitsky, Kagarlitsky and Sobchak - was rolled out on to Radio 4, while Clough was the first westerner seen by many a Soviet peasant in the steppes from the Volga to the Aral

Clough also covered South Africa months after Mandela's release and for a season he presented Europhile, Radio 4's European affairs magazine. But although his audience didn't suspect it, his strength and stamina were flagging and the Indian summer of his reporting life ended in 1994.

But there remained Round Britain Quiz. Clough was a lover and custodian of the language and never was it in safer hands. He indulged it as chairman and compiler of the questions of the donnish radio panel game almost up to his death. Gordon Clough would not have apologised for spending virtually his whole career in the BBC, which he loved beneath only the thinnest journalist's carapace. And it is with no less than love that his many triends in the BBC and its audiences

will remember him. After a divorce from his wife Carolyn in 1991, he remarried her and died at home. She, three daughters and a son survive him.

Brian Walker Arthur Gordon Clough, radio journalist: born Salford, Lan-cashire 26 August 1934; married 1959 Carolyn Stafford (one son, three daughters); died London 6 April 1996.

sponsored by the New Scientist Stephen Pheasant was an magazine, for writing about science in plain English. internationally-recowned ergonomist, a gifted and best-

selling academic author and Such skills were inevitably an accomplished jazz musician. sought by other academic in-Pheasant was raised in Isstitutions and learned societies; lington, London before going thus he was always high on the up to Gonville and Caius Colinvited speaker lists of conlege, Cambridge, to read Medical Science in 1968. His ference organisers, both in Britain and abroad. Profescontemporaries there will persional societies, including the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal College of Nurs-ing, recognised his abilities, as did the British School of Oshaps remember him best for his passion for free jazz and his role in taking the musically-based shows Stoney Ground and Make Me, Make You to the Edteopathy, where he held an inburgh Fringe in consecutive honorary chair. years. His earlier experience with the National Youth Jazz

His written output was prolific and his textbooks, including Bodyspace (1986) and Ergonomics, Work and Health (1990) have become standards on reading lists around the world. His research output was recognised by the Ergonomics Society with the award of the Sir Frederic Bartlett Medal in 1982, ointly with his close colleague Professor Donald Grieve. His published data on human dimensions have been cited in more ergonomic designs than perhaps any other, and we are



Pheasant: 'telling a good story'

hution to improved design of equipment, tools and many other artefacts of work and leisure use. Office furniture, production lines, drivers' consoles and public seating areas are just some of the locations which are more user-friendly be-

cause of his endeavours.

When Pheasant moved from the academic world, he chose to enter the field of personal injury litigation, in particular specialising in work-related musculoskeletal damage, including back pain and so-called 'RSI' or repetitive strain injury. As an expert witness, most frequently acting on behalf of the injured party, he was perhaps at his most fulfilled. His desire to challenge orthodoxy, his intellectual skills, his ability to communicate, his love of fierce debate, and his instinct for "telling a good story" were all given full rein in such an arena. have rarely seen him happier than when we developed litigious arguments or exchanged courtroom anecdotes with the help of a good Bordeaux. I am sure that adversaries and colleagues alike will sorely miss his presence and his skills.

Stephen Pheasant will be remembered by a large and diverse group of friends, colleagues, students, courtroom colleagues and musicians. This alone is testimony to a man whose undoubted intellectual. creative and communicative skills were matched only by his verve and energy in a wealth of areas.

Peter Buckle

Stephen Pheasant, ergonomist: born London 30 March 1949; died Nice, France 30 Morch

# Sacha Rabinovitch \*

Sacha Rabinovitch, known to some people as the mother of the distinguished novelist. playwright and critic Gabriel Josipovici, was a gifted and fascinating literary figure in her own right.

She and her son had an exeptionally close and loving relationship, unusual in this day and age - conventional people spoke behind their hands of untoward influence. But Rabinovitch, like her son, scorned the conventions. These two strong. austere but generous and affectionate characters, always respectful of each other's autonomy and creativity, lived together in a mutual support system, personal and professional

The son's brilliance may have outshone the mother's in terms of primary output, but she was never in his shadow. Both spoke their minds and were the first to detect a weakness in a piece. of writing or an argument of the

In terms of Jewish ethno-cultural origins, Sacha Rabinovitch was an unusual mixture. Her mother's mother's family were Cattanis, members of the Cairo Jewish elite, some of whom could trace their ancestry back 2,000 years through rabbinic lines - or so the wife of Edmond Jabès, herself a Cattaui and a cousin of Rabinovitch, told me. (Our respective views on the importance of Edmond Jabès as a writer led to one of the few major disagreements between myself and Sacha Rabinovitch).

Rabinovitch's maternal grandfather was from Ferrara and, like Jabès himself, Sacha Rabinovitch had an Italian passport. But her father was an Ashkenazi Jew, a Russian doctor from Odessa who had settled in Cairo after fighting in the Russo-Japanese war. She had TB as a child, which doubtless accounted for her spare and wiry frame, but she survived to marry Jean Josipovici in 1934. Jean's father Albert bad written a novel, Goha le simple. famous in its time, which was shortlisted for the Prix Goncourt the year Marcel

Proust won it - 1919. They moved to France, to Aix, where they met the novelist Jean Giono while doing post-graduate work. In Vence, they associated with André Gide. Later on, as Jews, it was obvious that they would have to leave Europe. The last possible passage back to Egypt was due to set sail on 8 October 1940. But Rabinovitch's son was born that day . . . What is more, her husband had gone off with someone else, and thus she found herself alone with Gabriel, and in a very danger-

ous situation. But in 1943, with the help of friends they made for La Bourboule, a spa town in the Dordogne, where Gabriel remembers her carving him wooden toys, and wooden letters so be could learn to read. A visit from her husband eventually resulted in the hirth of a daughter, but the child died five

After the war was over, Sacha and Gabriel finally made it hack to Egypt, where she worked at and he attended an English-style public school -Victoria College, alma mater of King Hussein and Edward Said. But even before the Snez crisis many Jews felt they had to leave Egypt. Rahinovitch's dream anyway was that Gabriel

should go to Oxford - and so they left, and so he did. Notwithstanding various complications with the Egyptian authorities and the British Home Office they settled in London where she worked as a shop assistant, and renewed a passionate love affair - now as reader and writer - with the

English language.

After Gabriel graduated she joined him in Oxford, and then they moved to Lewes where they lived, with various animals, for the next 30 years. While Gabriel taught at Sussex University and embarked on his distinguished career as a writer. Sacha Rabinovitch embarked on her own Anglophone career as an excellent translator and well-respected poet - a remarkable and characteristic transformation, and a defiance of the law which states that you translate into your mothe tongue, and you write poetry it

your mother tongue.
She translated books by very difficult French writers such & Maurice Blanchot (The Sirent Song: selected essays, 1982) and Marthe Robert (Origins of the Novel, 1980), and several noels of the great Sicilian write, Leonardo Sciascia (including The Moro Affair, 1986). She alio translated Paolo Rossi's Francis Bacon: From Magic to Sciente for which she won the Floro Prize for the hest Italian traislation of 1969. Two volumesof her poetry were published by small presses - Heroes and Oh-ers in 1982 and Poems in 1994. Poems by her were also printed in publications including the Independent and the Jevish Quarterly, where her last perm appeared a week before her death from "old age", according to her death certificate. She is huried, like her

beloved Paul Valéry, in a chne-

a father

Photograph: Lesley Howling

tery by the sea, in her case the Hove Jewish cemetery. She was tired and ill and - unafraid ready to "drop the body" some Indians say). On her 80th birthday I was proud to publish a poem of hers in my MenCard series: ("I cannot keep up with myself anymore, / and will still be wandering / on the way / when I lie at rest / in my cloak of clay") but, other than our lively discussions about French literature, my abiding memory of this indomitable old lady who lived for her son without oeglecting her own needs - is of a 10-mile walk over the Downs with good friends when she was already 80.

**Authory Rudolf** 

Sacha Rabinovitch, translator and poet: born Cairo 9 December 1910: married 1934 Jean Josipovici (one son and one daughter deceased; marriage dissolved); died Brighton 23 March

#### Olga Rudge

I don't believe that Allen Gins-berg was quite the welcome guest to the Pound / Rudge household that Peter Russell suggests, at least not as far as Olga Rudge was concerned, writes William Blacker [further to the obituary of 25 March]. I distinctly remember her telling me how Ginsberg, of whom, she said, neither of them had heard, encamped outside their house near Rapallo with some friends. started to make extraordinary wailing noises (apparently Hare Krishna chants in American accents) and refused to go away until the great poet agreed to see them. In other words, Ezra Pound only saw him in order to get rid of him. It made Rudge angry when people said that Ginsberg had been a friend of

After Pound died in 1972, Rudge remained alone in Venice and was a familiar sight

Pound's.

there walking slowly through the streets wearing a white hat, white cost, white-rimmed owllike dark glasses, and using a white umbrella as a walking stick.

I knew her only towards the end of her life. I met her in 1987 when she was 92 (1 was 24), but even then, and even when I last saw her when she was 98, she was still full of the extraordinary energy and enthusiasm of which Russell speaks, and usually had a beaming smile on her face.

The first time 1 met her was at a lecture given in Venice on the last night of the carnival. On leaving everyone told ber that she should take the back route home to avoid being knocked over by the noisy, boisterous people singing and dancing in the crowded streets: "But it is precisely the people dancing and singing that 1 want to see" she replied, and off she went.

## Births, Marriages & Deaths

LIDDELL: On 3 April 1996, to Chloë (nee Bertlin) and David, a son, Rupert Henry, a brother for Freya.

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37; Mr Alan Knott, cricketer, 50; Mr Tom Lehrer, songwriter and lecturer, 68; Mr Peter Moores, former chairman, Littlewoods, 64; The Right Rev Gerald Moverley, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hallam, 74; Mr Vincent O'Brien, raceborse trainer. 79; Sir Michael Ogden QC, 70; Sir Michael Palliser, former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 74: Mr Carl Perkins, rock singer and guitarist, 64; Sir Michael Richardson, Vice-Chair-man, J.O. Hambro Magan & Co, 71; Mr Martin Rogers, director, Farm-ington Institute for Christian Stud-ies, 65; Professor Richard Rose,

gleton, broadcaster, 59; Sir Michael

Somare, first prime minister of Papua

chairman, Teraco, 48; Professor David Walker QC, Emericus Pro-fessor of Law, Glasgow University, 76; Sir Richard Young, former chairman, Boosey and Hawkes, 82 Anniversaries Births: James Scott, Duke of Mon-mouth, 1649; Theobald Böhm. flautist and composer, 1794; Giuditta Pasta (Negri), soprano, 1798; Isam-bard Kingdom Brunel, engineer, 1806; Charles-Pierre Baudelaire, poet, 1821; Leopold II, King of the Belgians, 1835; Sir Francesco Paolo Professor of Public Policy, Strathelyde University, 63; Mr Tony Sibson, mid-dleweight boxer, 38; Miss Valerie Sin-Tosti, composer, 1847; Sir Charles Holzoyd, painter and either, 1861:

Erich Friedrich Wilhelm von Lu-

New Guinea, 60; Mr Glenn F. Tilton, 1865; Charles Proteus Stelnmetz, electrical engineer, 1865; Léon Blum, statesman, 1872; Sir Gerald Festus Kelly, artist, 1879; Efrem Zimbalist, violinist, 1889; Paul Bustill Robeson, actor and singer, 1898; Ward Bond, actor, 1903; Hugh Todd Naylor Gaitskell, statesman, 1906; Victor Vasarchy, Op Art painter, 1908; Sir Robert Murray Helpmann, dancer, 1909. Deaths: Edward IV, King of England, 1483; Lorenzo de' Medici ("The Magnificent"), statesman, 1492; François Rabelais, author. 1553: Francis Bacon, Viscouni St Albans, statesman, 1626; Simon Fraser, 12th Baron Lovat, Jacobite, last man to be beheaded in England 1747;

Jacques Necker, financier and states-

man, 1804; John Opie, infant prodi-

Dante Gabriel Rossetti, poet and Pre-Raphaelite pointer, [882; Isabella II, Queen of Spain, 1904; Charles Conder, artist, 1909; Edward Thomas, poet, killed in action, 1917; Mrs Patrick Campbell (Beatrice Stella Tamer), actress, 1940; Dietrich Bon-boeffer, theologian, executed 1945; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, 1959; Sir Basil Henry Blackwell, bookseller and publisher, 1984. On this day: the Mongot armies defeated the Poles and Germans at the Battle of Liegnitz (Wahlstall), 1241; Botany Bay, Australia, was discovered by Captain James Cook, 1770; the National Gallery, London, was opened, 1838; General Robert E. Lee surrendered 10 General Ulysees S. Grant at Ap-pomattor, ending the American Crv-il War, 1865; the Hudson Bay dendorff, general and politician. gy, painter and illustrator, 1807: War, 1865; the Hudson Bay

rial rights to Canada, 1869; the world's first full-length colour film. The World, the Flesh and the Devil, a British production, was shown at the Hothorn Empire, London, 1914: Latvia proclaimed her independence. 1918; Getmany invaded Norway and Denmark, 1940; the USS Liberty ex-ploded in Bari harbour, Italy, killing 360 people, 1945; the Suez Canal was cleared for all shipping, 1957. Today is the Feast Day of St Gaucherius, St Hugh of Rouen, \$1 Mary Cleophas, \$1 Uramar and \$1 Waldetrudis or

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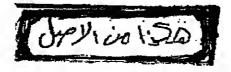
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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS Prince Edward, Patron, Haddo Arts Trust, at-tends the first night of the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society's 50th anniver-sary production of Orkello at Haddo House Hall, Aberdeenshire.

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Wills

Mr Simon Dyer, of Kew, Surrey, Director-General of the AA since 1987, left estate valued at £579,846 net. Mr Elias Prins, the art lecturer, of Bath, left estate valued at £223 net.



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# My father, my son

When the BBC journalist Fergal Keane became a father, he wrote a letter to his new son. His relationship with his own father had been deeply troubled. Here we publish his letter to Daniel Patrick and another to his dead father



#### **Dear father**

Dublin, New Year's Day 1972 Behind the bedroom door you are sleeping. I can hear your snores rattling down the stairs to our ruined sitting room. Here among the hroken chairs, the overturned Christmas tree, we are preparing to leave you. We are breaking away from you, Da.

Last night you crashed through the silence. dead drunk and spinning in your own wild orbit into another year of dreams. This would be the year of the big break - of Hollywood, you said. Oh my actor father, time was, time was, we swallowed those lines - hut no longer.

Before leaving i look into the bedroom to where your hand droops out from under the covers, below it the small empty Powers' bottle, and I say goodbye.

And at seven o'clock on New Year's Day we push the old Ford Anglia down the driveway my mother, brother and I. We push because the engine might wake you, and none of us can face a farewell scene. I don't know what the neighbours think, if anything, when they see a woman and two small boys stealing away in the grey morning, but I don't care, we're heading south with

The day I turned 12, which was four days later, you called to say Happy Birthday. You were, as I remember, half-way sober, hut you didn't say much else, except to ask for my mother, who

would not come to the phone.
In the background I could hear glasses clinking, voices raised, and you said: "Tell her I love her," and then the change ran out, and I began to understand what made love the saddest word in any language.

Christmas that year and you had access to the children. We met in Cork station. I remember your new suit, your embarrassed embrace, the

money you pressed into our hands, and the smell of whisky. We found a taxi and the driver stared at us, throwing his eyes to heaven and shaking his

What I see now are many such faces; the waitress at the Old Bridge Café where drinks were spilled; the couple who asked for an autograph and watched your shaking hand struggle to write, before they beat a mortified

And on through pubs and bookie shops to one last café where Elvis was crooning, "Love Me Tender, Love Me Sweet," on an ancient radio, by now, nobody able to speak.

There was a taxi ride home, we children in the back, you in the front, and what lives with me still, always, is the moment of leave taking, Christmas 1972. Because as the car drove you away from our lives I saw through the steamed-up windows that your eyes had become waterfalls.

I was too young to understand what you knew - we were lost to you, broken away. Down the years we struggled to find one another, but I was growing up and away, and you were drifting closer to darkness. And at the end I gave up ive up ca

Until one night my cousin called to say you were gone. It was a few days after Christmas, and your heart simply gave up in a small room in the town in north Kerry where you were born. I remember that you sent me the collected stories of Raymond Carver for Christmas. I had sent you nothing, not even a card. Now I would send you a thousand but I have no address.

#### **Fergal**

This message will be broadcast tonight at 11.30pm on Radio 4

#### My dear son

Hong Kong Tt is six o'clock in the morning. You are asleep, Acradled in my left arm, and I am learning the art of one-handed typing. Your mother, more tired, yet more happy than I've ever known her, is sound asleep in the room next door. Since you've arrived, days have melted into night and

When you're older we'll tell you that you were born in Britain's last Asian colony in the lunar year of the pig and that when we brought you home, the staff of our apartment block gathered to wish you well. Your mother and I have wanted you and waited for you, imagined you and dreamed about you, and now that you are here, no dream can do justice to you.

We have called you Daniel Patrick. Your coming has turned me upside down and inside out. So much that seemed essential to me has, in the past few days, taken on a different colour. Like many foreign correspondents I know I have lived a life that on occasion has veered close to the edge; war zones, natural disasters, darkness in all its shapes and forms.

In a world of insecurity and ambition and ego our lives, to believe that what we do and what people say about it is reason enough to gamble with death. Now, looking at your sleeping face, inches away from me, listening to your occasional sigh and gurgle, I wonder how I could have ever thought glory and prizes and praise were sweeter than life.

And it's also true that I am pained, perhaps haunted is a better word, by the memory, suddenly so vivid now, of each suffering child I have come across on my journeys. Looking at you, the images come flooding back.

Ten-year-old Ani Mikail dying from napalm

burns on a hillside in Eritrea, how his voice cried out, growing ever more faint when the

wind blew dust onto his wounds. The two brothers, Domingo and Juste in Menongue, southern Angola. Juste, three years old and blind, dying from malnutrition, being carried on 10-year-old Domingo's back. And Domingo's words to me: "He was nice before,

but now he has the hunger." There is one last memory, of Rwanda, and the churchyard of the parish of Nyarabuye,

Looking at your sleeping face, I wonder how I could ever have thought glory was sweeter than life

where, in a ransacked classroom, I found a mother and her three young children huddled together where they had been beaten to death. The children had died holding onto their mother, that instinct we all learn from hirth and in one way or another cling to until we die.

Daniel, these memories explain some of the fierce protectiveness I feel for you, the occasional moments of blind terror when I imagine anything happening to you. But there is something more, a story from long ago that I will tell you face to face, father to son, when vou are older.

It begins 35 years ago in a big city on a January morning with snow on the ground and a woman walking to hospital to have her first baby. She is in her early twenties and the city is still strange to her, bigger and noisier than the easy streets and gentle hills of her distant home. She's walking hecause there is no money and everything of value has been pawned to pay for the alcohol to which her husband has become addicted.

On the way a taxi driver notices her sitting exhausted and cold in the doorway of a shop and he takes her to hospital for free. Later that day she gives hirth to a baby boy and just as you are to me, he is the best thing she has ever seen. Her husband comes that night and weeps with joy when he sees his son. He is truly happy. Hungover, hroke, hut in his own way happy, for they were both young and in love with each

other, and their son. But the cancer of alcoholism ate away at the man and he lost his family. This was not something he meant to do or wanted to happen, it just was. By the time his son had grown up, the man lived away from his family, on his own in a one-roomed flat, living and dying for the bottle. His son was too far away to hear his last words, his final breath, and all the things they might have wished to say to one

Yet, Daniel, when you let out your first powerful cry in the delivery room and I became a father, I thought of your grandfather, and, foolish though it may seem, hoped that in some way he could hear, across the infinity between the living and the dead, your proud statement of arrival. For if he could hear, he would recognise the distinct voice of the family, the sound of hope and new beginnings that you and all your innocence and freshness have brought to the world.

**Fergal** 

# DIARY

#### Have they got an ordeal for him?

I was surprised to see David Ashby. Tory MP for North West Leicestershire, among the guest celebs in the



next series of Have I Got News For You. Since losing his libel case against the Sunday Times, in which he was hranded a homosexual, a hypocrite and a liar, he lost his temper on Kilroy during a disahont CDSSIOD press intrusion

and misrepresentation. Has he ever actually watched Have I Got News for You? As Paula Yates or Roy Hattersley will inform him, it has a penchant for targeting the weak spots of its guests. And, as a central allegation made in the Sunday Times was that he shared a bed with a male friend in France, the thoughts of the show's producer, Colin Swash, show be will need a sense of humour. "We are very hopeful that he will appear," says Mr Swash. "If he does he will he

sharing his desk with another man." However, Mr Ashby's faith in human nature seems undaunted. "The programme's not a political programme, is it?" he asked me. "It's a hit of laugh isn't it? I'm looking forward to an enjoyahie occasion. So are we.

#### Traitor's secrets betrayed at last

This summer the Government will release secret papers relating to the Original Lord Haw-Haw. Norman Baillie-Stewart, who actually preceded the better-known traitor William Joyce in the Germany Calling radio broadcasts during the Second World War, died in June 1956. And the Home Office is

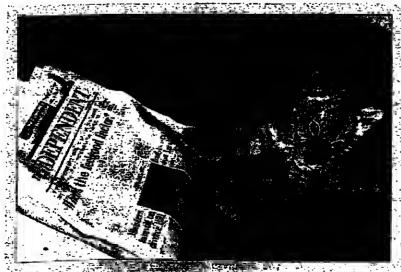
now prepared to make public infor-mation about him. It should make a rivetting read. The former lieutenant in the Seaforth Highlanders was twice accused of betraying his country - once for selling secrets to the Germans for £90 in 1933 (he claimed a 22-year-old blonde German woman gave him the money in return for his making love to her in a Berlin park.) He was sent to the Tower of London, where the handsome officer took exercise in front of scores of women who had queued to see him parade in full Highland dress escorted by an armed Coldstream Guards officer.

The second trial was shortly after the war - he was charged with aiding the enemy and sentenced to five years. Compared with Joyce he seems to have got off lightly and ended up a suc- are 8 per cent more likely to identify

cessful businessman in Ireland, designing a ship for the Harland and Wolff vard. On the other hand, he may have felt a little hard done by at his first court martial, where he was described as a "pathological case with a fixation for German women" - not known to be a crime in peace time.

#### Scots lean a little to the left

A conference in Glasgow tomorrow will be told that the Scots and the English share common values. One of the few differences that emerges in a British Rights Survey is that the Scots



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themselves as being on the political left. Otherwise, says Professor Bill Miller of Glasgow University, the dif-ferences are "small but interesting".

That will bring joy to the heart of Labour's Robin Cook, who is on the

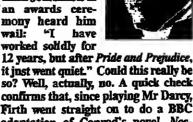
left of the party and Scottish and

#### A reader telephones to tell me to stop

referring to mad cows. They are quadrupeds with churning difficulties. shall endeavour to remember that.

#### Mr Darcy unloved? Surely not

Appear in Pride And Prejudice and die. This was the improhable claim last week from the actor Colin Firth. of virile hreeches fame. Journalists at an awards ceremony heard him "I bave wail:



it just went quiet." Could this really be so? Well, actually, no. A quick check confirms that, since playing Mr Darcy, Firth went straight on to do a BBC adaptation of Conrad's novel, Nostromo, in South America, then a film in Rome and assorted other projects.

"He must," reassures a BBC spokesman, "just have been feeling a little modest, that's all." Of course, cynics among us might suggest he was catching a quick headline for his new lead role in Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch. And there was I, thinking it a truth universally acknowledged that a man in possession of A-list sex symbol status was not in need in of publicity

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# Taxing times for Labour

A generation ago under Harold Wilson, devaluation was the great unmentinnable for Labour. For Tony Blair, compulsnry mnuth-washing is ordered for anyone who mentions the "T" word, taxes. Inhn Smith, so party lore has it, lost the 1992 election for Labour by promising increases in income tax and National Insurance. This time round the fiscal silence has been deafening. You have in listen very hard to hear any Labour tax talk. What is audible is moderate in the extreme. Most of the taxpaying population will sleep easy if Blair is voted into Number 10.

It seems, therefore, strange that KPMG should be telling its clients hair-raising tales of Tony's terrible tax take and telling them to decamp, or dispatch their funds, to foreign climes. KPMG is a reputable firm of accountants and consultants. It has prospered under the Tories and probably would do so under Labour. Either KPMG has had sight of deeply socialistic schemes unknown to the rest of us or it is engaging in scare tactics that leave it looking like Conservative Central Office's errand boy. This is an odd position for a company that recently published a damning calculation of the tax burden under the Tories.

Anyone with assets or the prospect of a future income stream should plan. PlanBut telling clients to plan for dramatic tax scenarios that bear no relation to Labour's stated policies is bad advice.

Gordon Brown has hung the credibility of a Blair government nn spending restraint. The lack of spending commitments around the Shadow Cabinet makes several cherished Labour policies look distinctly threadbare. Under the guise of tax reform, certain rates would probably rise. There could be a new top rate of 50 per cent. Inheritance tax would probably weigh heavier. Labour's proposed windfall tax on the privatised utilities would hurt shareholders. But this is not revolutinn. Do such plans justify KPMG's exaggerated advice to taxpayers? No, Labour

is now squarely in the fiscal mainstream. KPMG's advice runs the risk of partisanship; it is also painfully limited. Where is the mention of what Labour's policies might do for business and investment, to stock market values, to the real economic context within which income is earned and savings fructify? It might be too much to expect that tax advisers should be telling their clients that, whoever wins the next election, vexing questions about skills and jobs and social division will have to be addressed. But surely even KPMG is obliged to remind its clients that there are such principles as fairness and proporning includes anticipating taxes and may require shifting money between portfolios. tinnality. Their application does not justify a headling flight by higher-rate taxpayers.



In the Korean peninsula order takes the form of armed truce. History dictates that the Stalinist period piece in the North must fall or transmute into something more like a modern pluralist state. But Pyongyang thwarts history. The regime, part oriental despotism, part totalitarian bureaucracy, obeys its own logic. The country is sliding further from the path of development. Floods have left it hungry and debilitated. The response ought to be a softening of its hard diplomatic lines. Yet this week could be one of the tensest in a decade. Soldiers from the North have repeatedly entered the Demilitarised Zone, violating the Armistice

nich ended the Korean wa Washington has kept cool. The North cannot mobilise artillery without being observed. Allied forces have at least a day's warning of war. But does the North want armed conflict? There may be a diplomatic rationale - unless it is some half-baked attempt to emulate receot Chi-

nese pressure nn Taiwan, for there are national assembly elections in South Korea this week and, as in Taiwan, relations with the Communists are an issue. These military demonstrations may be the diplomatic gesturing of a regime that cannot talk in conventional language. Destroying the armistice may be a scorchedearth policy: If there is no armistice, there has to be a permanent agreement.

What the North Koreans want is the wherewithal to keep the country going, having made minimum political concessions. They seem to want a bilateral treaty with the US that would permit trade id aid to flow to the North. Th abiding obligations to the South but must also think about north-east Asian security. Dealing with North Korea is like treating a cunning psychopath. But sometimes even psychopaths are worth talking to, provided straitjackets are in place, the windows barred and the guards armed.

# Thin excuses for GPs

The wide freedom British doctors have to prescribe medicines is founded on a rigorous procedure for assessing their safety before launch. Where the system is less robust is in follow-up. Who prescribes, when, and how attentively to the general state of the patient? In theory doctors are policed not only by the General Medical Council but by informal peer pressures and exchange of views in periodicals. But with so-called slimming pills the system seems to have broken down. Women have died and alarm bells should have been ringing lnng and lnud.

These drugs have a role, though not uncontroversial, in treating obesity. The immediate question is their misuse. There is evidence that doctors are prescribing them, as with amphetamines and sleeping pills, as "get the patient off my back" drugs. Some doctors seem to have an attitude that is little better than quackery.

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statinned nearby.

2. The world's first libel case has

arisen from use of the Internet. A

registered Internet user in Britain fed

in some highly damaging information about Rupert Murdoch's organisa-

tinn News International and he is being sued firr libel by Murdoch in

America. The defence that the libel, if any, took place in Britain is heing discounted by Murdoch's lawyers,

who say that a writ for libel can be

issued anywhere that the libel was

uttered and that means, in the case

nf the Internet, anywhere. The case will create a new precedent in inter-

3. The Tory party has tried, and

failed, to insure itself against losing

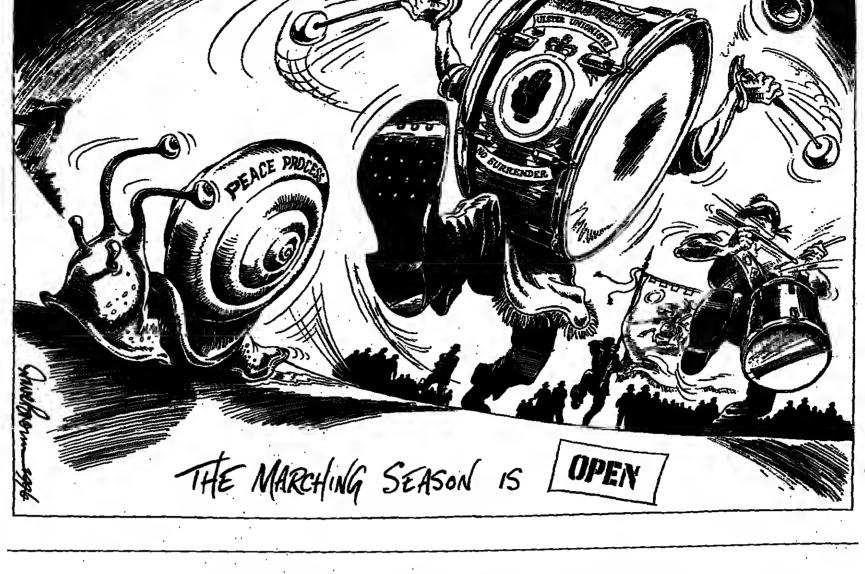
the next general election. No rep-

utable insurance company will take the business. Only Lloyds has shown

national law.

Culture prefers certain body shapes. Fat gets a consistently bad press. Many, many women want to he thinner. Some of them allow their weight to become a source of anxiety. Much nf the £1bn-ayear slimming industry does no harm. though it probably does little good either. But there is a segment of the market that

is irresponsible and has to be curbed. The Department of Health has had slimming pills under review for some time, but seems to have been dilatory about doing anything. It now has to hand an expert report, which must not be ignored. One option is licensing slimming clinics. But the medical profession needs to act quickest. Exemplary disciplinary action against doctors who have mis-prescribed these drugs would remind all GPs that no drug should be given to a patient without energetic parallel efforts to track side



#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### Africa fights on to save elephants from poachers

Sir: It is now seven years since the 1989 ban on the ivory trade but according to Richard Lloyd Parry's article ("Japan adds its voice to scrapping ivory ban", 2 April), the remaining stocks will last for the next five or six years. This suggests that there was stockpiling and perhaps an unnecessary slaughter of additional elephants.

In the past, ivory from poached elephants has found its way into the market and even now there is really no mechanism in the supplying or receiving countries to deal with the problem.

It is true that the ban has not altogether stopped poaching and the illegal trade, but lifting it will only fuel them. The ban on sight of any ivory transaction creates no

Feeble curb

on advertisers

Sir: With reference to your arti-

cle, " 'Offensive' posters send

complaint levels soaring" (3

April). I am afraid the hundreds

of people, myself included, who

complain about advertisements

are unaware that they are well-

meaning but naive participants in

an elaborate game arranged by

Authority was set up by the adver-

tising world to forestall govern-

ment involvement, with the pos-

sibility of stringent legislation

and penalties. Its existence leads

the public to believe that some-

thing is "being done" about

offensive advertisements but it is

designed to be weak enough to

make sure that the cheeky chappy

school of advertising can ply its

trade with impunity. The ASA puts the whole hurden of "regu-lation" on to the few members of

the public who take the trouble

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the advertisers themselves.

The attempt to lift the ban would have been a little more convincing if Africa's elephant population were rising rapidly

their friends can cover their tracks.

rather than the present situation of low but stable numbers. Maintain the ban and save the elephant for posterity. MWANYENGELA NGALI

High Commissioner Kenya High Commission London WI Sir. In your article "Japan adds its

voice to scrapping ivory ban" (2 April), there were a number of misleading points.

Only four countries in Africa

April) is right to be concerned

that the anti-road lohby "is in

danger of becoming a margin-alised minority pursuit". Although a strong supporter of the Newbury bypass, I neverthe-less share that concern. The

urgent oeed for a bypass to

reduce the pollution caused by

Newbury's untorious traffic prob-

lems should not be allowed to

obscure the equally important

need to review the roads pro-

By concentrating their fire on

one of the few roads where the

environmental benefits will out-

weigh the environmental dam-

Sir: I was dismayed to read Ross Mackie's remark (report, 8 April)

that travellers on Great Western

Railway may or even should use

their mobile telephones in the

quiet seclusion of the lavatories -

a shocking waste of expensive and

mnch-needed facilities. GWR

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dence that it has reduced poachdoubt in anybody's mind that it is oppose the ivory ban. Around 30 illegal. Without it poachers and countries are in favour of it and, in fact, more have become so since its positive effects began to be felt. To say that Japan "adds its voice" is in imply a growing chorus of dissent, which is far from the truth. Zimbabwe and Namibia have oow lost another ally: South Africa has just

> applying to have its elephants removed from the protected list, while Zamhia left them behind in

> You state that "African officials believe that the ban encourages poaching". Surveys undertaken in the past three years show huge support among African officials for the ivory ban, and clear evi-

Newbury: wrong battleground for anti-road lobby

Sir. Your leading article "Road age, the protesters have reduced Sir. You make the mistake of

Their failure, noted by your

leader, to attract anywhere near

the numbers of protesters the

organisers had originally

promised is one result of this loss

of credibility. It will be a matter

of great regret, to me as much as

to anyone else, if the protest

continues and in so doing mar-ginalises those of us who under-

stand the pressing need for a new

integrated transport strategy for

DAVID RENDEL MP

(Newbury, Lib Dem) House of Commons

London SW1

our country.

**'Bottom-up'** 

announced that it will not be

ing almost everywhere and stopped it altingether in some areas. The grossly outnumbered anti-ban Zimbahwean officials are trying to persuade the world that the ban has not worked.

Your article does, however, make one thing abundantly clear. Official Japanese consumption of ivnry prior to the ban stood at around 100 tonnes per year. Now craftsmen are saying that only 160 tonnes remain, which will last another five or six years. Consumption has dropped enormously since the ban.

SUSIE WATTS **Environmental Investigation** 

road protest movement by the

The anti-roads battle is deeply

embedded in the consciousness

waged far less spectacularly by

"ordinary" people revealing the

lies and brutalities of the High-

ways Agency while lobbying hard

to prevent further destruction of

the little green space we have left. And, as for the M11 and New-

London E11

number of tree-climbers.

#### Easter myths of Passover

Sir: Keith Botsfnrd's gargantuan buffet of history, myth, tradition, eggs, lambs and other Easter fare ("Time to savour the feast of spring", 5 April) included a few rather indigestible morsels. "As the Father sacrificed his

son, the son became the pure, innocent Lamb of God," pro-claims Botsfard, which accounts for the prime place given to lamb on Easter Day."

Well, yes and no. The "prime place given to lamb" at Easter is none other than the place it occupied for Jesus and the disciples when they celebrated Passover. In those days, at Passover each household made the journey to the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrificed a lamb, roasted it and ate it. Since the destruction of the Temple, the Passover lamb is remembered simply as a bone on the Seder to which Botsford makes the fleeting and inaccurate reference. The plate, adoroed with the bone and five other symbols of Temple times, takes pride of place on the festive dinner table in Jewish homes on "Seder

nf Middle England - and, as with the M11 fight here in east London, it is increasingly being night", the start of the Passover. The symbolic egg of Easter, which has become chocolate in modern times, was another Passover sacrifice. A hurnt egg lies beside the bone on the Seder plate, and the festive Seder meal widely assumed to have been hury, those fights are far from the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples - starts with an egg in salt water. Throughout Passover, incidentally, owing to the lack of bread or leaven, egg dishes are

immensely popular.

Keith Botsfird mistakenly mentions a "plaited loaf made with egg at Seder, the beginning nf Passover." Absolutely not. Passover happens to be the only time of year when hallah - the plaited loaf made with egg - is not eaten: for this is the Festival nf Matzah, unleavened bread.

Ignnrance about Jews led to the routine Passion Week accusation that Jews use Christian blood for their Passover meal. These accusations made Easter the most dangerous time of year for Jews throughout the Christian world. The word "Easter" still fills many Jews with fear.

HIV test panic

Sir. On the day the BSE scare

broke I had an urgent fax from the Chief Medical Officer, deliv-

ered late at night by taxi. A further fax fullowed a few days

later. The news breaks today [5 April] that 20,000 HIV tests may

be flawed. That's 20,000 worried

penple. Add their partners: 40,000 minimum. Nuthing from the Department of Health, whose

phone line is continually

engaged. My local hospital knows

nothing. The genito-urinary clinic is shut for the Easter weekend, as

is the local public health labora-

tnry. This is a real mess. We've

been here before, with the con-

traceptive pill scare. Where's my fax, Dr Calman?

Dr PETER McCOLL

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#### in the minds of mobile phone enthusiasts should forthwith install efficient jamming devices. Professor Nicholas Kurti Oxford

article no structured settlements (3 April) was very timely, given that this method in paying damages in a personal injury claim was given a major fillip by the Finance Act, 1995. This enabled the annuity payments to be made directly from the life insurer to the plaintiff, rather than through the defendant insurer, effecting considerable savings in administrative costs and tax for the insurer. Further useful changes are on the way in the Damages Bill, which will shortly begin its passage through Parliament.

Sir: Grania Langdon-Down's

However, the article was somewhat misleading in suggesting that arranging a structured settlement from the bottom up, rather than the top down, is new. Both approaches have been adopted by solicitors and insurers for some time and it is arguable whether they are radically different. Gen-erally, those advising the plaintiff will need to consider the potential size of any tump sum the plaintiff may receive, in order to be able to evaluate the advantages of resolv-ing the claim by a lump sum, or in while, or in part, by a structured settlement. While the bottom-up needs-based approach certainly has advantages in cases where lia-bility is disputed, or there is an element of contributory negligence, nr where life expectancy is reduced, the plaintiff certainly needs robust and independent advice no whether the annuity package on offer from the insurer is in his or her best interests. SUZANNE BURN

Secretary, Civil Litigation Committee The Law Society
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#### Breathing in the **BSE** molecules legal settlements

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routes could be responsible for the transmission of BSE and nther prinn-hased diseases appears very reasonable.

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Dr J LUCASSEN Oegstgeest, The Netherlands

Sir: Godfrey Meynell (letter, 8 April) dwells un the virtues of organic farming. But if there is or has been a BSE risk arising from cattle, there must also be a BSE risk from eating "nrganic" veg-etables which have been fer-tilised with bonemeal and oxblood rather than chemical fertilisers. Or can the organic lobby give a categorical and scientific assurance that no one has been put at risk by eating organic food?

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Sir: Dr J S Knowland's suggestion (letter, 29 March) that non-oral

Tasty turkey eggs

Sir: If Peter Stokoe (letter, 6 April) had eaten eggs from freerange turkeys, fed nn natural feeds, as ours were far many years, he would not have dismissed them as tasteless. They are delicate and full of flavour.

KATIE THEAR Saffron Walden, Essex



an interest, and has asked for certain conditions which even the Tory party has felt unable in agree to.

4. The nidest living war criminal has been found. Ernst Jungfer, who is 102 years ald and living quietly in Munich, has been identified as the very same Ernst Jungfer whn has been sought for atrocities committed in the last year of the 1914-1918 war, when he was 24 years nld. He is the unly known war criminal still wanted from the Great War. Although he may not have committed any atrocities himself, he is, as the oldest survivor, now responsible for anything done by anyone on the German side. A trial may be difficult, as there are no surviving witnesses, and Jungfer himself cannot remember anything about the First World War at all, or indeed anything about the Second World War.

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this thing coming towards them. All is well now, as Fergie is back under lock and key and is being calmed

6. The new mystery majnrity shareholder in the Internet has now been identified as Rupert Murdoch. He is quoted as saying that he didn't realise till his recent Internet libel case just how powerful this new medium was, and be intends to take it over befine he gets too tired-look-ing and haggard. He intends to issue two electronic newspapers on the Net, called the Daily E-Mail and E-Mail on Sunday.

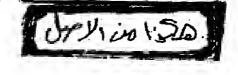
7. A new nne-day cricketing record has been created by Sri Lanka, when their opening batsman, Jarasiya, hit a century off the first ball - and was out as well. Under the bright stadium lights, the ball went missing under the umpire's feet and the npening pair ran t07 runs before it was found. But while he was trying to complete the 108th run, he was run

8. The Government's strategy for the general election is, it is being confidently reported, to make a huge amount of money for the Tory party by placing large amounts with the bookmakers on a Labour victory. "I don't see how we can fail," says a spokesman from under a large brown paper bag. "All we have to do is introduce large tax increases at the last

moment and Bob's your uncle."

9. Damian Hurst, the controversial artist, has been accused of going commercial after unveiling his latest work, entitled "A String of Polo Ponies Pursued by the Royal Family, at Night". To create it, he had to set 60 nr 70 poin ponies free at night and get the Royal Family out after them, in their night wear and gum boots, "which took a lnt of nrganising. I can tell you", says his agent. But art critics say that this newest work is going right down market. and they point in the rave coverage it got in the Sun.

The answer is that, yes, it is true that Trevor McDonald is related to the founder of McDonald's and will not read out any news item criticising the hamburger chain. All the rest are



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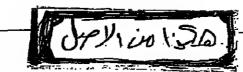
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Mad cow disease questions the basic principles of industrialised farming. As our agriculture stands condemned, five writers ask whether this is Britain's opportunity to lead the world and become the first major organic food producer

# Can British farming go green?

Make British agriculture organic?
The idea seems ludicrous. Imagine the grubby, worm-filled apples, the expensive meat, and the over-ripe tomatoes. Turning back the agricultural clock to set aside advances in fertility, pest control and intensive farming - it sounds like an economic disaster. Higher food prices, bankrupt farmers, rural joh iosses, an explosion in imports, and huge pointless subsidies from the taxpayer: all appear inevitable.

That's the convectional wisdom. But hang on a minute. There is, in fact, a considerable economic case for the restructuring of British agri-culture along organic lines, in other words free of pesticides, chemicals and hormones, and involving humane animal husbandry. The markets, particularly after BSE, are emerging. Existing organic farms show that production can be viable. Our rivals in Europe are already ahead of us in spotting the oppor-tunities. An overhaul of the official subsidy system could transform the cost basis of production.

For a start, British shoppers clearly want a certain amount of organic produce on the supermarket

ters most of Britain's organic farms. According to its director, Patrick Holden, consumer demand is still growing. The power of the consumer protest against the risks of BSE shows just how strong the desire for healthy and safe food has become.

Yet British farmers have not been respooding to domestic demand. Eveo before the BSE scare, they failed to provide the organic produce that consumers wanted. Around 70 per cent of organic produce in this country is imported, including vegetables such as carrots that we could easily grow at home. The result of this excess of demand over supply is that British organic food can often be sold at a premium,

well above the cost of producing it. Demand for organic food is even higher elsewhere in Europe. Britain could follow the Austrian example and aim deliberately for the top end of the huge European market. Given the current lack of confidence in Europe about British food, the future competitiveness of our agriculture may depend on a really radical attempt to redefine the "British"

label as the safest and the greenest.

ther benefits. At the moment only 0.3 per cent of British farmland is under organic cultivation. Packaging and distribution for a few scattered organic farms is still relatively expensive, because the costs of the organic labelling cannot be shared between many farms. Once the industry reached a critical mass, farmers and consumers could benefit from considerable savings, and the price of

organic goods would fall. Other countries are converting to a greener type of agriculture faster than Britain. Germany, Austria, Den-mark, Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands and Italy already have more of their farmland under organic production. In Austria, a remarkable 11.5 per cent of agricultural land is organically farmed. Land under organic production is doubling every year in Austria. In Germany it is rising by more than 50 per cent and in Italy by 140 per cent a year. The rate

in Britain is just 11 per cent.

A move towards more organic farming here would be economic, even under the current system of subsidies, according to Lawrence Woodward, the director of the Elm organic produce on the supermarket shelves. The Soil Association registrated Expanding organic production to shelves. The Soil Association registrated Expanding organic production to Farm Research Ceotre, which produces business plans for farmers THE ECONOMICS



contemplating the organic conversion. Mixed farms which have both livestock and arable are, he says, hest suited to organic production - particularly those which never eotirely embraced the most intensive methods of modern industrial farming. Farmers are discouraged, however, by the novelty of organic farming and by uncertainty.

But the biggest obstacle to widepread organic farming in Britain is the structure of agricultural subsidies. Farming organically means using no artificial fertilisers. As a result, land needs to be left fallow, or filled with clover to rebuild the fertility of the soil. At any one time, around half of his land lying fallow - missing out on direct subsidies from the Common Agricultural Pol-icy of £270 for every bectare under arable cultivation. The result is that the market is rigged against producing organic goods.

Other countries make an explicit attempt to compeosate for the imbalance in CAP subsidies, drawing on the EU's AgricEnvironment hudget to provide additional cash for organic farming. If the Government was serious about levelling the playing field, they could take a similar approach. A more radical strategy would be to renegotiate the CAP entirely and change the halance of subsidies across Europe.

It is easy enough to justify tipping the playing field in favour of organic production. Intensively produced food may be cheaper for the coosumer in the shops, but there are costly side effects for society as a whole. Nitrates seeping in from fertilisers into the water supply oeed to be cleaned out by water companies - and push up water bills. The health risk from modern farming methods, feeding patterns and chemical use may go far beyond mad an organic farmer is likely to have cow disease. Heavy taxation of agri-

cultural chemicals would be one way to encourage farmers to use less.

But before going overboard, it is worth recognising what can really be achieved, at least in the short run. No matter how great the health scares, British shoppers are not about to convert en masse to an eotirely organic diet. And why should we? While most of us would rather the food on our plate was no longer coated with thick layers of chemicals, we are still happy to take advantage of prudent use of modern scientific methods.

Furthermore, organic vegetables are ugly. Smaller, grub-filled, irregular, these are not the beautiful round shiny red apples that shoppers are quick to pluck from the shelves. It will also be hard to wipe out the British appetite for cheap meat. Last week at the height of the BSE scare, one supermarket reported more beef sold than in any day in their entire history: halving the price of steak had far more impact on customers' decisions than any comments by health experts. Although the price of lamb and beef would not go up considerably under organic farming methods, cheap chicken and pork would almost disappear. It is difficult to imagine British fami-lies cheerfully hidding farewell to the bacon hutty or the grilled chicken drumstick

The price of processed food that time-pressed families increasingly depend oo would also soar. No more stopping at Tesco on the way home for a cheap Chicken Kiev or lasagne. Sticking within the house-hold budget would still be perfectly easy on organic British food - but it would require a serious change in

our diets and cooking habits. Trying to capture the healthy end of the European market has disadvantages too. Britain lacks a comparative advantage in organic produce. It is less costly for smaller mixed farms on the continent to adapt than the massive arable farms of East Anglia.

Nevertheless, the case for expanding organic production in Britain is overwhelming. Consumers already want it, and demand is rising both here and abroad. An entirely organic natioo is oot yet oo the cards. That will need a more dramatic change in consumer tastes. But it is time for the Government to think, as our competitors are, of creating a kinder fiscal regime for the organic farmer.

# How Ambridge could join the revolution

Farmers as a breed are not given to deep introspection. They're the doers of our society rather than the thinkers, which is both their weakness and their strength. Saddle them with a system that in the eyes of most of the country has failed and they'll defeod it to the hitter end.

The problem is that the average farmer has almost no cooception of the earth's natural bounty. The land will deliver nothing without a good deal of coaxing from the products of Du Port and AgrEvo. So to grow a decent cereal crop you oeed to start with a modern, high-yielding variety from the likes of Zeneca Seeds. Apply an autumn herbicide plus a couple of sizeable dressings of nitrogeo fertiliser from Hydro Agri. Add a holding. growth regulator or two for good measure, and nurture through the season with three or four fungicide sprays from Bayer. Finally, harvest with a 350hp, high-capacity combine from Claas.

It's not that the modern farmer employs such technical aids to echance a natural process. In his eyes they are the process; as indispensable

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farmers like the Rowes, each

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Unfortunately the politicians, who have oever understood

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no place for a peasant culture in

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shareholders in pesticide com-

panies and forced the true cus-

as soil, rain and sunshine. If there remains somewhere an inherited memory of a time before agrochemicals, it's dark-ened by images of rural decay, of collapsed barns and gates hanging off hinges, of wheat fields choked up with weeds. Along came ICI to save the world from all that.

The reality was somewhat different. The author H J Massingham, an astute commentator on rural Britain in the 1930s and 40s, warned often that the industrialisation of agriculture would lead to disaster. In his book The Wisdom of the Fields he writes of a wartime meeting with a couple who farmed a tiny small-On a little over four acres of

steeply sloping land Mr Rowe and his wife grew enough food to feed a small hamlet, all without the aid of chemicals. Their crops included strawberries -120 lb in 1944 - potatoes, orchard fruits, plus a greater diversity of vegetables than many a grower "with 400 acres of fat and level land". In addition they grew enough

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grass, fodder crops and flowers And here we are with an to support a pony, 130 chickens agriculture that costs us hilincluding 30 pullets, goats, six lions, a countryside stripped of ewes and a lamb, a breeding sow with a litter of eight and 30 hives of bees. Massingham comments its wildlife, a poisoned soil and a network of contaminated watercourses. Now they tell us that their crops were of "superlative quality" and their animals in perfect health.

our food isn't safe to eat. Something has gone horribly wrong. In our hearts we remain a

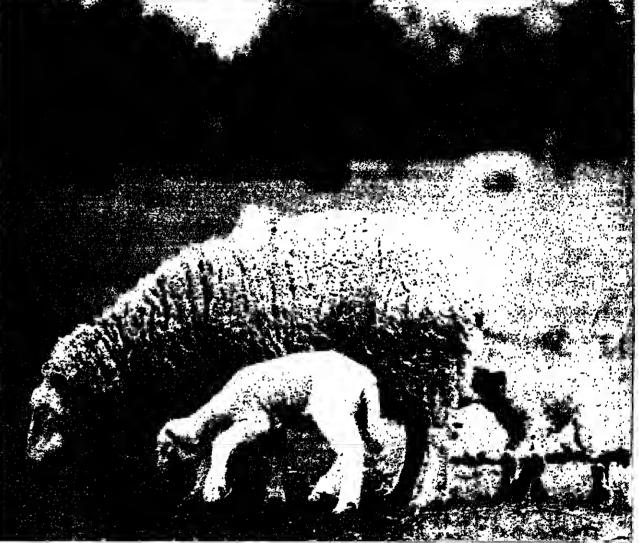
Husbandry such as this would feed a hundred million people peasant people. The grandsons and granddaughters of the when the "crazy edifice of super-industrialism" came tumbling Rowes and their like are still out there. The land is not yet quite exhausted. It's time to start At the end of the war there rebuilding our rural heritage. were a quarter of a million small

We oeed to dismantle the subsidies, free up the land and get farmers producing for people again, not for the calamitous Intervention store. And we must begin taxing the polluters and the destroyers of habitat.

Giveo clear price signals farmers will respood readily enough. For all their innate conservatism they are rapid adopters of new methods, or in this case, new old methods.

**Graham Harvey** 

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Pastures new: we need to dismantle the subsidies, get farmers producing for people again

## The consumer must be king

CHANGING MARKETS

you want to make British agriculture green then you have to make the consumer kiog. That means overhauling a system of supermarkets that is uocompetitive. It means transforming an educational and labelling system that keeps people ignorant about food. We must create local markets where consumers and produc-ers can restore their historic close relationship, which mass production and mass consumerism have destroyed. The reality is that retailers

and traders are sovereign. They mediate between production and consumer. They set the specifications, the price, even when and how the growing occurs down on the farm. Giant companies straddle the food world, competing to get valoeadded food and drink down our throats. Five retailers have around two thirds of the UK grocery market. A proper competition policy that put consumers first would break up these large companies.

We can have local markets. Last month I visited a 120-acre fruit and vegetable enterprise in Devon. Used for dairy or beef, it would employ around two families, at best. This had 30-40 jobs, produced 95 different plants and, despite supplying supermarkets, also supplied 1,000 households within 30 miles with weekly boxes of seasonal food. It can be done.

And then there is the issue of information. Consumers know that current information strategies such as labelling have been exposed as a charade. What label showed vegetarians that gelatin was a beef-product? We must have better labelling that tells everything about the way food has been produced. A sane food culture also requires proper education. We should make food central to the classroom and the school's meals.

We cannot achieve these structural and cultural changes overnight. In 20-30 years, maybe, but we need debate and leadership now. The vehemence of consumer actioo in the BSE crisis suggests that consumers have flexed their muscles. There are lessons for us all.

Tim Lang

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# A shake-up for a healthier industry

We oeed a fresh start.
Instead of the vast array of agricultural subsidies under the Common Agricultural Policy, we need a single scheme of incentives encouraging ethical and organic farming.

Those farmers who wished to go it alone by foregoing state support and living from the market would be at liberty to do so - but within the limitations of more civilised environmental and health and safety standards (which would prohibit cannibalism in animals, for example).

A halance between livestock

and arable production would he restored, giving a more varied landscape and rebuilding natural fertility with animal wastes. More diverse farming systems reduce the need for chemical use, as natural pest and disease controls - such as more balanced plant and animal nutrition, and predators of

damaging insects - have a

chance to reassert themselves.

There would be additional payments for management of the features which make British rural landscapes so beautiful - the hedges, ditches, stone walls, ponds and copses. And if the farm were managed to the standards of ooe of the food certification schemes the RSPCA's Freedom Foods, or the organic label - farm income could be topped up by the premium with which the market currently rewards

these systems. Even under such a benign system, it would still be oecessary to reorder the two functions that are so unsuccessfully combined within MAFF: defending the consumer, and promoting the farming

the Ministry of Food and Farming, reflecting the relative reordering of priorities. Con-sumer protection should then he floated off into its own independent division within the MFF. Such a Food Standards Agency should he analogous to other regulatory agencies established recently both here and overseas: the National Rivers Authority could be a domestic model, with the food authorities in Australia, Norway and the US

given the necessary powers, a clear regulatory function and its own champion at Minister of State level, it could stand up to the producer-orientation in MAFF and restore public con-

fidence in British food. industry.

MAFF should be renamed The challenge for the new Minister of Food and Farming would be open up to the mass of consumers the chance to huy at least some organic or specialist foods. If the policy framework is right, that's not such a tall order. But just now it looks well beyond the reach of the hapless Mr Hogg.

**Hugh Raven** 

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# Shoppers say no to drugs in food

A problem with the humble carrot is the reason why many us first made the switch to organically-grown produce. Last year, the Government admitted that the organo-phosphate content of one sample was 25 times the expected amount, Shoppers were advised to scrub off all the skin, ironically the part of the egetable where beneficial vitamins and minerals are stored.

The average British consumer ingests more than 40 different pesticide residues every day. We do not really know the dangers we face from current agricultural practices. But more people are just saying no to these legal substances.

More than 100,000 people now subscribe to "home-shopping". Every week, crates of fresh organic fruits and vegetables are delivered to their

doorstep. Thousands more routinely head for the organic section of their local supermarket. Their motivation? To safeguard health from the potentially damaging effects of agro-chemicals. There is stronger evidence -

although still circumstantial against hormones or growth promoters which aim to increase weight and the proportion of lean muscle to fat in beef cattle. The alarm first sounded in 1980 wheo an Italiao schoolboy allegedly began to grow breasts after eating veal containing traces of a synthetic hormone.

In 1989 the European Union banned the use of this and other hormones in meat production, and only last month tightened restrictions further on hormonetreated beef, and widened its ban on other growth promoters, such as clenbuterol or "angel dust", linked with an outbreak of poisoning in Spain in 1990. The British government was a lone, opposing voice in this debate.

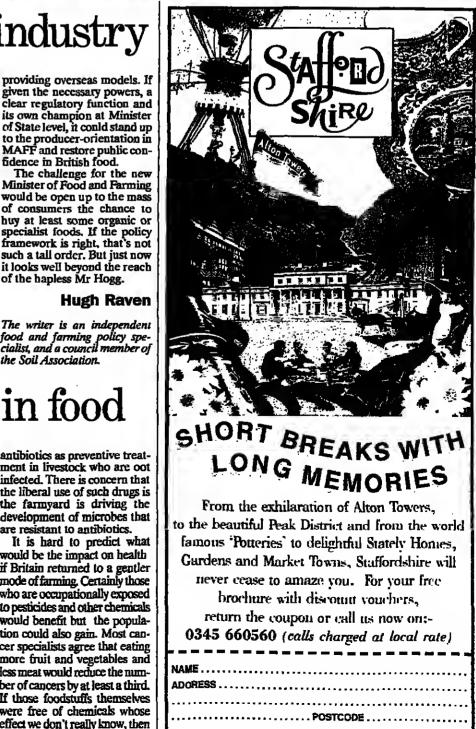
The declining sperm count of Western men has also aroused concern about modern farming. The suspicion is that responsibility lies with chemicals in pesticides, plastics, detergents and electronics that mimic the action of oestrogen, a female hormone. A Danish study in 1994 suggested that men eating organically-grown food have twice the sperm count of men

Organic farming would also avoid the widespread use of

antibiotics as preventive treatment in livestock who are oot infected. There is concern that the liberal use of such drugs is the farmyard is driving the development of microbes that are resistant to antibiotics.

It is hard to predict what

would be the impact on health if Britain returned to a gentler mode of farming. Certainly those who are occupationally exposed to pesticides and other chemicals would benefit but the population could also gain. Most cancer specialists agree that eating more truit and vegetables and less meat would reduce the number of cancers by at least a third. If those foodstuffs themselves were free of chemicals whose effect we don't really know, then how much greater would that



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# BT and Oftel to lock horns over local calls

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**MARY FAGAN** Industrial Correspondent

pected growth in the market for local telephone calls. According to BT's own estimates growth in local calls will slow to 2 per cent a year in the five years from 1997 from a post-war average of 5 per cent.

The projection falls far short of that used by Oftel, the industry watchdog, in setting new price controls and will be used by BT in its increasingly bitter battle against the regulator.

BT says that assumptions over market growth are the "most marked" stumbling block in reaching agreement with Oftel. Unless the company accepts Oftel's decision on future price caps it will end up in the bands of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The company also launched a fresh attack on plans by Don Cruickshank, director general of Oftel, to assume wider new powers against anti-competitive practices.

One source said: "You run the risk of the director general becoming the dictator general." Oftel believes that local call volumes could grow by up to 7 per cent. However, BT argues that the main growth in the market place will come from special services such as 0800 numbers and call diversion which fall out-

side the scope of the price cap.

The company also said that pared with "RPI minus 7.5" towith 92 per cent of the popula-A new battle between BT and the telecoms regulator Oftel is about to break out over the expectation linked to the network it would become increasingly difficult to match historic growth

without a drastic change in the way people used the telephone. The BT source said: "We are getting close to saturation point on the network and with increasing competition from mobile telephony and cable it will become an uphili struggle to grow the level of calls. We cannot find a good explanation as to Oftel's view on what the market can achieve.

Oftel said that the estimates would vary according to the type of analysis used, adding: could well be that BT is not comparing like with like."

The company is also gearing up for battle on Oftel's view of its potential efficiency gains. BT, which has shed more

than 100,000 jobs over the past four years, claims that the watchdog's target of 4.5 per cent improvement per year is "un-realistic and probably beyond our capabilities" According to BT insiders:
"We do not feel confident that

there is a tremendous willingness on the part of Oftel to compromise. The ability to go to the MMC is the only real comfort we have that he might be responsible in his decision." Mr Cruickshank is proposing

to limit price changes to between five and nine percentage

fairly comfortably with the con-tinuation of the current regime.

The pricing changes must be resolved around the middle of the year and go band in hand with the plans for sweeping powers against market abuse to which BT vehemently objects.

The company's grumble is that there is insufficient right of appeal in the Oftel proposal. It is also concerned that there are no binding guidelines setting out what will be anti-competitive and that it will therefore give Mr Cruickshank and his successors a vey wide discretionary power. The watchdog is likely to bend to some of these concerns by making the changes ac-cording to European competition law. But Mr Cruickshank is so far unpersuaded that BT oeeds an independent appeals body. He has also made it clear that failure to agree oo the competition issue would lead to an all-en-

BT's view that the regulator is being unacceptably tough is not shared by some City ana-lysts, who believe that Oftel has softened its approach over recent months. There is an assumption that the outcome will be "steady as you go", with Of-tel plumping for the middle of its proposed range. According to most observers, BT could live

compassing MMC reference. Profile, page 17



Vodafone and Cellnet 'to retain lead'

Loud and clear: Orange and Mercury One-2-One need to move up a gear to keep up with their bigger rivals

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Vodafone and Celinet will continue to dominate the UK mobile telephony market for many years to come in spite of the onslaught by fledgling rivals, Orange and Mercury One-2-One, according to a report by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, writes Mary Fagan.

SGST says the move towards new digital networks is slower than most people expected and that the opportunity for Orange and One-2-One to lure people switching from analogue to digital has been overplayed.

Vodafone and Cellnet bave older analogue networks and are gradually migrating customers across to their oew digital systems. One-2-One and Orange,

which have always been digital, hope to grab those people while they are considering the move to the new technology.

The report concludes that Vodafone and Cellnet will continue to maintain a large share of the overall mobile market and will also have a larger share of the higher-spending business market. "For years to come they will retain the vast majority of

The report also forecasts, however, that the overall market will continue to boom with

non-cost conscious customers,"

Britain on target to become the third country outside Scandinavia to achieve 10 per cent penetration. There are 5.5 million UK subscribers today, with Vodafone the market leader at almost 2.5 million and Cellnet not far behind. Some industry observers believe that the total will exceed 15 million by the end of the decade.

SGST says that the arrival of One-2-One and Orange, which

recently floated on the London Stock Exchange, has greatly expanded the overall market by targeting consumers with lower prices. It also points out that while Vodafone is still the biggest in terms of subscribers. it "has found it more difficult to be the dominant force it was. not least because two of its three competitors appear to have more than a passing interest in profitability".

# at Rover

RUSSELL HOTTEN

The Bulgarian government yesterday hit back at Rover Group over closure of the country's sole car maker after the embarrassing failure of a joint venture with the UK company.

Roumen Gechev, deputy prime minister, said the project's demise was because the Rover Maestro cars being produced were uncompetitive and there was no marketing strategy. He said allegations made last

week that bureaucratic obstacles and a lack of government support were behind the collapse of the Rodacar joint venture were untrue.

"Claims that the government contributed to Rodacar's failure are absolutely groundless," Mr Geehev said, adding that the government had no contractual commitment to buy the Mae-

Vincent Hammersley, a Rover official, had said that the government's failure to order Maestros for its own fleet, despite assurances that it would do so, had hit the company.

He said last week that the Bulgaria plant would close at the end of May after selling only about 200 of more than 2,000 Maestro vehicles that had been imported for assembly in the country.

Rodacar was launched a year ago when Rover, a division of Germany's BMW, invested \$20m (£13.3m) for a 51 percent stake. A private Bulgarian consortium, Daru Group, owned the remaining 49 per cent of the venture, which was to be a launch pad into other east European countries. Last month Daru hit financial difficulties, and its banking operation was rescued by the state bank.

# Bulgaria Employment figures put hits back the skids under Wall St

DANIELLE ROBINSON New York and RUSSELL HOTTEN

Stocks and Treasury bonds were pummelled on Wall Street yesterday, with the Dow Jones losing more than 130 points in morning trading and the Treasury bood yield surging to 6.93 per cent in the wake of last Friday's stronger-thao-expected US March employment data.

As expected, the Dow sank the Easter break in response to news of a 140,000 rise in US jobs in March on top of a revised 162,000 jump in February and a subsequent two-point drop in Treasury bond prices during limited trading on Friday.

Attention will turn to the UK markets this morning, though some analysts believed that fears that the London stocks will follow Wall Street's sharp falls were overdone.

The strong US employment figures dashed all hopes of another Federal Reserve interest

that the Fed's next move will be commentators were still reluc-

134.40 points to trade at 5,545.48 and the 30-year bond yield had pierced key support levels to 6.93 per cent.

"It's a bloodbath, but one that was very much expected after the employment data and the subsequent reaction in the bond market," Phil Orlando, chief investment officer at Value Line's asset management division, The sell-off was across the

board, with declining issues swamping advancing stocks by an almost 20 to 1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Broad market indexes were also sharply lower. Analysts are predicting 7-

7.25 per cent on the 30-year bond - a crucial level at which many investors are expected to reduce their portfolio weighting in shares and put cash into money-market instruments. Nevertant to call yesterday's self-off "I would oot jump to that conclusion based on one day's trading." Dick McCabe, chief market analyst at Merrill Lynch

in New York, said. London was expected to feel some knock-on effect today. Stephen King, international economist at James Capel. pointed to February's US nonfarm payrolls which had only a small impact in Loodoo.

"What may be happening to the US economy does not necessarily apply to Europe," he said. "This looks like a specific US problem, whereas most European economies are slowing down with further rate cuts to come.

He told Reuters news agency: You will probably see the US bond market weakness coming through in Europe but I would very much doubt if we see any sort of permanent correction."

# Shocks in store for electricals

The electrical retailing industry is set to face a further round of restructuring as alreadysqueezed margins come under Norweb at 2.5 per ceot. further pressure, according to Profit margins on warranties,

the guarantees sold on electrical goods, are also likely to fall as greater competition is forced on retailers by the Office of Fair A number of banks appear increasingly attracted by the war-

ranties market: "The net result

will be increased competition and lower prices," the Verdict report predicted yesterday. [We] calculate that warranties can contribute up to 4 per cent of gross profit margin. Any reduction in this figure will have a significant impact in a

market where retailers' profits

are already wafer-thin." Verdict's findings come as Dixons, the leading electrical store group that owns Currys and PC World, extended its lead in the sector to 16.7 of market share in 1995.

Comet, the second-placed

group, succeeded in arresting the decline it faced in 1994, raising its share of the market to about 5.4 per cent, followed by

However, Verdict predicted acterised by a large global tween Comet and Scottish Power for Norweb's 68 stores. put up for sale last month.

"If Comet was to acquire Norweb, its number two position in the market would be consolidated. If Scottish Power woo the battle, it would become number two and put a serious dent in Kingfisher's ambitions in the electricals market," the

report argued. Aside from the OFT report into warranty sales, retailers face continuing investigations by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into their relationship with suppliers.

Despite significant gaps in market share between top players in the market, most directly comparable products are sold at the same price by all leading retailers.

Verdict claims that the wide variations in market share

retailer owned by the Kingfisher should produce massive scale advantages, with superior buying terms for market leaders. Not all the problems are caused by retailers: "The sup-

ply side of the business is charwell-developed brands in which they have invested heavily." the report added. "This is not one of the mar-

kets where the retailers exert all the power. Verdict believes that manufacturers are in a position to influence prices to a degree that is rare in today's retail market and that this may contribute to what is a rigid gross profit margin structure." While Dixons in particular

has benefited from relatively inelastic price competition, should it choose to mount a price war it could do so, forcing some of the less competitive retailers out of business. Hidden subsidies by regional

electricity companies of their own stores are also expected to decline following the deregulation of the electricity market in 1998.

Despite current expansion



rationalisation is expected as more high street outlets close in favour of larger out-of-town retail outlets.

The entry of Escom, the German computer firm, into the high street with its takeover of many Rumbelows sites, is not expected to reverse this process. The company competes on the low cost of its computers, but many potential buyers may be as attracted by its rivals' brand

# Decision time arrives for N&P members

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Hundreds of members of National & Provincial, the seventhlargest building society in the UK, are expected to attend a special general meeting this week to decide whether to accept a £1.35bn takeover bid

by Abbey National. The meeting, in Manchester on Thursday, marks the climax to Ahbey National's year-long campaign to convince N&P's 1.4 million members of the benefits of abandoning mutual status. Although those attending the Nynex Arena, where N&P's special meeting is being held, are likely to include a higher number against the deal. the outcome is expected to be determined by postal ballot.

At least 50 per cent of the million eligible savers must vote in favour, either at the SGM or by post, for the bid to succeed. Or those who vote in favour must hold at least 90 per cent, by value, of total members' savings balances. Among voting savers. 75 per cent must be in favour. Of borrowers who vote, only a simple majority must back the Abbey's hid. To sweeten the takeover, Abbey National is offering £500-worth of its shares to all borrowers.

Savers who have been with the society for more than two years are being offered £750 in cash or shares, plus 7 per cent of all eligible balances up to £50,000. A joint saver and borrower could gain up to £4,750 from the takeover.

N&P executives believe that they have won the argument, among those voting, in favour of the bid. But the society yesterday refused to say how many of its members cast postal votes by the deadline at midnight on Saturday, raising fears that a high number of abstentions may scupper the deal. Howev-er, an N&P spokesman said that

since the takeover terms were published in July last year, the society had dealt with more than 100,000 letters from members with specific queries on the deal. At least 140,000 phone calls have been received on a special helpline set up by N&P.

"Since July last year we have sent out at least four mailings to our members and in the past few weeks we have carried out an extensive television campaign to encourage them to The estimated cost of the

campaign has been £3m. The spokesman added that the main purpose of the mailings and the

television campaign was to persuade members to vote, irrespective of their stance for or

against de-mutualisation. The vote marks the latest stage in a de-mutualisation fever that has seen virtually every leading building society, including Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester, announce plans to float on the Stock Exchange.

Last week, Northern Rock became the latest to announce its £1hn flotation plans. Bristol & West and Birmingham Midshires are also believed to he ready either to float independentify or to be takeover targets.

## Rentokil to sound out improved offer

Rentokil, the business ser-

extra 15p.

vices group, is planning to meet key institutional shareholders this week to discuss bow high it must raise its offer for rival BET Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, is believed to feel that another 10p a share might secure victory, though some investors are preparing to tell him that BET is worth an

The meetings come as BET was planning more complaints to the Takeover Panel today over claims that the Rentokil camp was behind market rumours that hig institutions are pressing for an agreed deal.

BET, which complained to
the Panel last week about the

rumours, said it would make fur-

ther representations because they were continuing to be BET has already complained to the Panel about a stockbro-kers' note from Nat West Secu-

rities, which did not say the firm was a joint underwriter to the Rentokil offer. Legal & General and M&G, both large shareholders in BET have denied suggestions they were pressing the company to accept a recommended take-

over. BET bas twice rejected Rentokil's offer of talks. Rentokil has until Friday to decide whether to raise its current £1.9hn offer, though the

its first offer is not sufficient. "Soundings will be taken to see bow much higher we bave to go," a Rentokil source said.

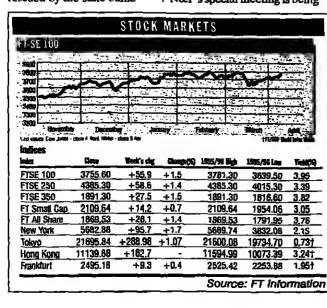
The current offer is nine new Rentokil shares and 800p cash for every 20 BET shares. At last week's closing share prices, the offer values BET at 204,25p a share. There is a cash alternative of 197.5p. Two large institutional shareholders told the Independent

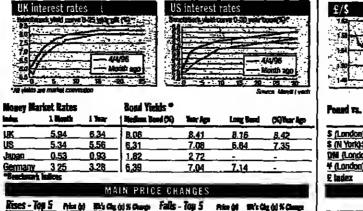
that BET was worth a minimum of 10p more. One said: "BET has been better at getting its message across. An offer worth 220p a share could probably be called a knock-out blow. BET, too, is planning to lobby large sbareholders, and hopes to get to see about 30 in-

stitutions this week, after seeing about 10 last week. Meanwhile, Ren Rentokil's annual report, published this

weekend, showed that Mr Thompson's salary rose £115,000, from £742,000 to £857,000. The remneration included a £320,000 performance-related bonus.

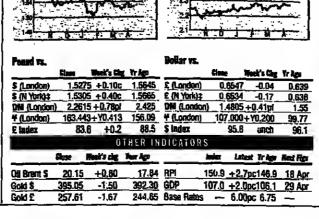
Any attempt by BET to make capital over the pay rise were expected to be met with reminders from Rentokil that BET's chief executive, John Clark, stands to make up to £5m from turning BET around. The annual report also included promises by Reotokil to appoint two non-executive directors if it company is said to now accept gained control of BET.



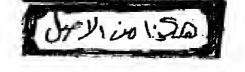


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#### JOHN PHILPOTT

'if we are to have a grown-up debate on solutions to mass unemployment politicians of all parties should openly admit that there may be a price to pay and address how best to

share the pain'

low-key G7 jobs summit in Lille. A politician - a British one at that - came clean about the cost of tackling joblessness. Okay. So Education and Employment Secretary Gillian Shephard gave her overseas counterparts a somewhat rose-tinted account of Britain's recent record of job creation. But in stating that the pain of any kind of change and restructuring would have to be faced up to, Mrs Shephard displayed a degree of candour not shown since former Chancellor Norman Lamont let slip that he considered rising unemployment a "price well worth paying" in

the battle against inflation.

What Mrs Shephard failed to mention, of course, was that the Government's policy of deregulated flexibility means that the pain she talks about has been very unevenly distributed, has increased working poverty and threatened social cohesion.

Those tempted simply to berate Mrs Shephard, however, ought to think again. If we are to have a grown-up debate on solutions to mass unemployment politicians of all parties should, instead, openly admit that there may be a price to pay and address how best to share the pain.

Ironically, the political task in this respect would be eased somewhat if the current consensus on macro-economic policy could be challenged. Part of Britain's jobless problem is due to the masochistic macro-economic policy being inflicted in the quest for so-called "stability". But though the aim is laudable, the chosen means has severe shortcomings. As the late Nubel Laureate, Professor James Meade, continually argued, it makes best sense to base financial policy on a target for money GDP. Such an approach has the merit of attempting to maintain greater stability in output and employment rather than simply to preserve price stability in line with an essentially arbitrary target rate of inflation. Yet even with inflationary pressures subdued, mainstream politicians in the Government and opposition parties appear reluctant to accept this, seeming to prefer "hair-shirt economics" despite the evident harm being done

One of the consequences of the current | chronic jobless remain outside the active

Just in case you missed it, something re-markable happened at last week's rather policy dehates focus almost exclusively on supply-side solutions, such as better skills provision. This causes problems since supplyside measures cannot hope to prove fully effective if demand is constrained - which helps explain why unemployed people themselves are often amongst those most sceptical about the value of more training. None the less, the supply side clearly does matter since even a controlled demand expansion would at best hit inflationary pressures at around 1.75 million unemployed (6 per cent of the workforce). So what are the supply side

> he option favoured by the Tory right is L to deregulate the labour market still further and cut welfare to the bone. However, the social problems associated with a flexible labour market are already apparent and "more of the same" approach could impose intolerable social costs.

options for tackling core joblessness

Those on the left nostalgic for the pre-Thatcher era might prefer instead to push demand to a level consistent with very low unemployment and implement some form of "pay policy" to reduce the wage pressure that would inevitably arise. Unfortunately, this option - while meriting renewed consideration - is totally out of fashion. A more radical option still would be to encourage "work-sharing" – hut in the absence of income-sharing, which may be difficult to achieve, this could raise hourly labour costs and serve to increase rather than lower core imemployment. This leaves one with perhaps the hest option - ie employment programmes targeted at the long-term (one yearplus) unemployed.

As the chart shows, long-term unemployment has fallen during the recovery. But the experience of the Lawson boom in the late 1980s suggests a core of at least 500,000 long-term jobless. Few would disagree that helping these people into jobs is justified on grounds of fairness. And, as Professor Richard Layard and his colleagues at the LSE have demonstrated in countless studies, providing jobs for the long-term unemployed would not stoke inflation. If left unaided, the Long-term unemployment in the UK 1983-95 Total long-term unemployment

labour market. Unlike their short-term unemployed counterparts in the dole queue. they exert nn disciplining influence on wage bargainers. So reactivating the long-term unemployed is efficient as well as fair.

Honesty is the best policy when it comes to jobs

For this group - many, though not all, of whom lack skills - the essential policy chnice lies between making them more employable, thus pricing them into better paid jobs, or pricing them into the types of jobs they can perform without new skills by means of subsidies or adjustments to taxes and benefits. An abvious problem with radical tax/benefit reform - such as the introduction of Citizens' Income - is that while this may improve incentives for the lower-paid it will have implications for tax rates and work incentives further up the earnings scale. Training meanwhile is expensive and the track record of government training schemes both in Britain and abroad is poor.

On the face of things, therefore, job subsidies paid to employers, or the provision of temporary jobs in the public or voluntary sectors, look a better bet. Indeed, so long as the gross cost of jobs programmes does not exceed the cost of unemployment to the Ex-chequer, they should be self-financing, at least in the medium term.

The self-financing argument for a wholesale onslaught on long-term unemployment it can be argued that some of the subsidised iobs would have been created anyway, while others will displace existing jobs. If this occurs the net impact of measures to help the longterm jobless will be reduced and the net cost raised. The counter-argument of advocates of job subsidies is that even if some joh displacement occurs, those displaced will be more employable and better able to fill jub vacancies than the long-term unemployed. This, it is said, will reduce wage pressure in the labour market, thus providing a spur to further job creation.

his latter argument has considerable This latter argument has considerable intellectual merit but has yet to be put seriously in the test. The Labour Party, attracted by the possibility of a "free lunch", has deployed the argument in announcing plans for a new deal to in effect abolish lungterm unemployment amongst 18-25-yearolds. However, more conventional analysis indicates that jobs programmes could entail on-going net expenditure. A sensible position is to remain agnostic on this issue and policy makers should thus err on the side of caution when assessing the likely cost of jobs

A crude calculation suggests that serious meaures to help 500,000 long-term unemployed hack to work might require net pubin this way rests on the assumption that each subsidised job shortens the dole queue. But a very cheap lunch but not a totally free one. Institute. He writes in a personal capacity.

Assuming that a future Labour govern-ment would not be prepared to fund this spending by higher borrowing, cutting other public programmes, or raising business taxes the burden would have to fall on personal taxation (£2bn is equivalent to a penny on

the standard rate of income tax). Ultimately, therefore, an effective package of measures designed to cut long-term unemployment that incurred a net cost would entail a redistribution of income from employed "insiders" to formerly un-

employed "outsiders". It may be comforting to think that all that is needed is to "tax the rich", close tax loopholes, or raise capital gains or inheritance taxes. The reality is that a large part of the burden of extra taxation would have to fall upon people on around average incomes and above, many of whom, although "comfortable", do not think of themselves as affluent (and are increasingly concerned about their own joh and income security).

One sales pitch for policy makers would be to emphasise the advantage of lower un-employment – for example, higher output of private or public services and reduced social problems, such as crime.

But if insiders do not consider the price of low unemployment worth paying, or are unwilling to pay it, they will either resist tax increases through the ballnt box or press for compensatory wage rises which could sabotage the entire job-creation exercise. No wonder politicians prefer to talk about free

The political constraints on measures that would make a serious impact on unemployment without further eroding the social fahric of Britain are considerable. Politicians and commentators who dislike the unequal pain imposed by deregulated flexibility ought to spell out which members of society will have to pay the price of a more constructive programme of national renewal and full employment and set nut the hard choices. Those not prepared to be honest about the necessary means should at least be honest enough to abandon the goal.

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# Cracking the code for the mother of all mergers

Sir Peter Bonfield, the chief executive of BT, knows a thing or two about secret codes.

His father was part of the small team of engineers that cracked the German Enigma code in the last war, a breakthrough that belped considerably towards the Allied victory.

This time he is on the receiving end. Despite ali b l's eiforts to keep its talks with Cable & Wireless confidential, the secret has been well and gotiating their £33bn merger in the glare of intense public scrutiny.

If Sir Peter was looking for a challenge when he decided to quit after 10 years at the helm of computer firm ICL and join BT at the start of this year then he could scarcely have picked

'In 20 to 30 years we want to be among the most successful global telecoms groups'

a bigger one. The immediate task is to consulter a merget with C&W that satisfies poiti-cians, regulators and shareholders alike. That is daunting enough. Beyond that lies the distinct possibility of a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by the telecoms regulator. Don Cruickshank. And beyond that lies the challenge of adapting to an indusThe chief executive of BT must pick a careful path in an industry that is converging at frightening speed

try that is converging at a frightening pace and throwing up ever more powerful competitors as the lines blur between telephony, computing and enter-

Those who know him believe he is equal to the challenge. During his time at ICL he gained a reputation as a deter-

#### THE TUESDAY INTERVIEW

PETER BONFIELD Far East market are going to be important to BT and the peo-

mined and sometimes ruthless manager with a taste for discipline that he himself suggests resulted from his early education at a convent school

"His easy-going and banter-ing manner hides an iron will when it comes to business matters," says one former col-league. "But he is scrupulously fair and very straight and open. He also has a dead-pan sense of humour. He is very charming in a curious sort of way."

Talking about Bonfield the man does not come easily to Sir Peter who much prefers to concentrate on BT the company.

He will not talk about Cable is Wireless but there is no disguising how strategically important its 57 per cent stake in Hongkong Teleom would be to BT's global ambitions.

"In 20 to 30 years we want to be among the most successful global telecoms companies and to achieve that we will need to be much higger in Asia Pacif-

returns on capital employed, a

Indeed so important is the region that Sir Peter held lengthy discussions with Takuma Yamamoto, chairman of ICL's Japanese parent company Fuitsu, to ensure ne was leaving

for BT with its blessing. "The parting was very amicable and needed to be because

ple there will only do business

with people they trust," he says.

Supposing a deal can be clinched Sir Peter and BT's

next challenge will be to obtain agreement with Oftel on two

contentious issues - a new pric-

ing regime to take effect next

year and Mr Cruickshank's pro-

posals to take sweeping new powers to curb what he con-

siders anti-competitive behav-

iour by BT. Either dispute could

ment with the regulator under

the current consultation," Sir

However, BT will not settle

"We would like to reach agre-

land up before the MMC.

the overall industry." Coming in from outside BT the Japanese market and the as Sir Peter does, he senses that vatisation. "BT is at a very interesting stage now it is being

market-driven whereas 10 years ago it was mostly technologydriven and a single product. "It still needs to be more responsive. It can be. In the next few years it will be. The artifi-

cial distinction between fixed

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the return is low that is bad for

"Competition is good for the

'If you force very low returns on capital many would worry about investing'

and cellular will disappear over the next 5-13 years for suld be useful to have as a way forward, at any price simply to avoid a long MMC inquiry that will be as part of our strategy, to inte-grate these together. It is an important issue for us."

draining on management time. Sir Peter's argument is that if The new BT boss is an engithe new price cap is set too tightneer, joining Texas Instruments ly it will prevent competitors enafter graduating from Loughtering the telecoms market and borough University. With TI in Texas, he met his wife, objective. "If you force very low Josephine, and developed his



Taking on the regulator: Sir Peter Bonfield says BT cannot settle regardless of cost

love of American life to which he is determined to return. "My long-term personal goal has not changed. I enjoy the States and have strong links

tree the answer is yes. In the meantime I have to earn a week at the RAC chib where the

Sir Peter is a fitness fanatic who found to his disgust when there. If you ask me whether I he arrived at BT that the gym imagine retiring under a palm did not open until 7am. Instead

gym opens at six.

Since then, his time has been

taken up by a rather larger test of strength and one that the telecoms industry and the fi-

nancial markets are eagerly waiting to see him and the BT chairman, Sir Iain Vallance, pull off - the largest merger in British corporate history.

Michael Harrison

#### IN BRIEF

· Viacom and KirchGroup, the German media group, are to form a five-year alliance, which includes hroadening Viacom's pres-tace in the European to havision market and expanding Kirch-Group's programming line-up as it prepares to launch a digital pay TV service in Europe. As part of the agreements, the Kirch-Group has acquired from Viacom's Paramount Pictures all free and pay television rights in German-speaking territories to the US company's television shows and films produced during the term of the agreements. Viacom also obtained an option to acquire a 12 per cent stake from KirchGroup in Gestevision Telecinco, owner of Spain's Estudios TeleCinco.

 McDonnell Douglas Corporation, the US aircraft manufacturer yesterday named Michael Sears as president of Douglas Aircraft Co, its commercial aircraft unit in Long Beach, California. Sears had been vice president general manager of McDonnell Douglas' largest tactical aircraft programme, the F/A-18 Hornet strike fighter. He succeeds Robert Hood Jr, 63, who will serve as president emeritus of Douglas and retire later this year.

• General Motors topped the Fortune 500 list of the US's largest corporations in 1995, with General Electric in second place, both in the same spot as the year before. According to the magazine's annual listing released yesterday. GM weighed in with US \$168.8bn (£100bn) in sales in 1995, up 9 per cent, and \$6.9bn in profits. The car maker's profits rose 40.4 per cent. GE's sales of \$137.1bn were up 6.8 per cent compared with 1994. Its profits of \$4.14bn were down 22 per cent.

• EgyptAir is to buy four Airbus Industrie A-321s. The first of the airliners is to be delivered in July 1997. Financial details were not disclosed. EgyptAir, which has a fleet of 42 aircraft, also plans to buy three Boeing 777s next year to replace its 767s, a company source said. The Airbus deal with EgyptAir comes amid reports that China is also to place an order for around 25 150-seat A320s worth about £800m. The order is expected to be placed when the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Peng, visits the aircraft comwhen the Chinese Prime Minister, France, later this week.

## Jardines perfects knack of looking a greenhorn

touches overseas turn to dust, or, to be even more cruel, makes the dust turn to dirt back in its Hong Kong home base? It is far too soon to start writing Jardines' obituaries. The conglomerate, whose name is synonymous with the creation of Hong Kong as a thriving com-

mercial centre, retains many well-performing businesses; but every time it enters new markets it ends up looking like a greenhorn groping its way around foreign lands. Worse still, it has thoroughly

alienated the new masters from Peking who will be taking Hong Kong back under their wing next year. Local companies have become wary of any association with Jardines and this has limited its ability to make further progress in Hong Kong where its fortunes were built.

In Britain, Jardines was reluctantly pushed to centre stage as a result of the Trafalgar House saga that ended last month when the Scandinavian ship builder Kvaerner terminated the group's unhappy stewardship by buying Trafalgar

What is it about the mighty house of Jardines that makes more or less everything it with what looked like a clever move back in October 1992 when a mystery buyer stormed into the market and snapped up 14.9 per cent of Trafalgar's shares. The buyer was soon identified as Hongkong Land, part of the Jardines group. It took no time at all for the new shareholders to fall out with the existing management.

By April of the following year Jardines had control of the ailing company, spending over £300m to obtain it. After last month's sale it will be able to write back less than half this amount in the current year's Hongkong Land accounts. Omens of the Trafalgar débâ-

cle were easy enough to find. For example, just before the 1987 stock market crash the Keswick family, which controls Jardines, entered into an agreement with the New York-based finance house Bear Stearns to acquire a 20 per cent stake for \$391m. The crash came, the Keswicks panicked and reneged on the deal. Almost four years later, following a flurry of liligation, Jardines handed over

company and was able to walk away inigation-like but poorer. Sting of overseas acquisitions domicile to be muda back in that were badly timed and 1984, as soon as the agreement would, by now, be putting money in the bank.

Jardines was committed to moving a greater percentage of its assets out of Hong Kong before the 1997 Chinese takeover. supermarket chain. In Britain a It simply could not afford to controlling interest in Kwik cease the quest for overseas ac- Save, acquired in 1987, and quisitions. It

expanded its Mercedes HONG KONG Benz distributorship in tbe US and

Malaysia and grew its car retailing business elsewhere, including Britain with the acquisition of Lancaster plc, but these were relatively small in-ful Sunago chain. vestments and vielded modes! supermarket chain, food whole- Jardine Fleming, is a prime exsaler and chemist in Hong ample - hut there is no getting Kong. Here again, however, the opposite of the Midas touch was soon apparent.

Dairy Farm has just report-

with its original 1987 deal it strategically mistaken as they focused on the lower and most competitive end of the market.

Big losses were chalked up in subsequent

pain of vicious competition. In

VIEW FROM control of Victor Value in 1989, has hrought nothing hut the

Spain red ink continues to be liberally spilled over the books of the equally cheap and cheer-The only good Dairy Farm returns. A more promising av-news came from Hong Kong enue for overseas expansion and neighbouring countries, seemed to emanate from its but here's the rub. Jardincs' Dairy Farm subsidiary, which trading activities tend to flourwas operating successfully as a ish in Asia - its finance house.

profits centre. China has never forgiven Jarsome \$60m to the American ed a truly dreadful profits dines for leading the exodus out

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lems it faces at the core of its

was initialled for the transfer of sovereignty. Jardines' example has been followed by the majority of listed companies, but. as ever, the one who leads gets the blame. In 1992 the Chinese government signalled that relations had deteriorated further (after the company was blamed for supporting Governor Chris Patten's democratic reform plans), a statement by the official Chinese news agency condemned Jardines as the black sheep of the business community. "It craved for nothing but chaos." the agency said.

Last year Jardines tried to restore relations with what amounted to a public apology to China by Jardine Matheson's managing director Alasdair Morrison. China responded with a less than warm statement that Jardines would have to demonstrate its sincerity. The depth of Chinese feeling is reflected by the fact Beijing has vetued further development of Hong Kong's new container terminal by refusing to accept a concession given to a Jardines-

Jardines like a bad smell, fearful of any association that will undermine their business interests. Yet Jardines remains one of the colony's biggest companies, even though its main stake is in property and it has demonstrated an uncanny ability to sell off bits of its property portfolio just before the market scales new heights. Nor has it done itself any

favours by so thoroughly falling out with the local stock market regulators as to ensure its delisting from the local bourse. The Jardine companies have their principal listing in London and were hoping to regain local husiness by ohtaining a listing in Singapore but the volume of share turnover has slumped badly since last year's move.

Last week Jardine announced it was taking a 20 per cent stake in a subsidiary of the Tata Group, one of India's biggest companies. Perhaps the older parts of the former empire are beginning to look more attractive than the last remnants of the colonial system.

Stephen Vines

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# Large and unsettled shareholders make for uneasy bedfellows

Companies with hig, unsettled shareholders spend much of their time pecring over their corporate shoulders; they can never be absolutely certain just what their restless investors will do with their shares.

Two groups in such a quandary are involved in this veek's profit announcements. Their management know their results could influence the immediate direction of the com-

Alpha Airports has Granada sitting somewhat refuctantly on 25 per of its shares. Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry chain, has a Dutch investment group, SHV, lurking with a 14 per cent interest. Unfortunately, neither Alpha nor Nurdin will have happy tales to tell. Both have already warned that prof-

won few friends since it de-

It has been squeezed by the consolidation in the world aircraft services industry and two months ago was forced to warn that profits, expected tomorrow, would be a little below last year's

Alpha's response to the changes sweeping through the industry has been to increase. when possible, its catering opcrations and move into ground handling services with the £79m handler and aircraft re-fueller

To pay for DynAir it offered shares at 126p. Alpha, like so many British groups, is having a hard time in

in the United States.

It lost a British Airways contract at New York's John F

load peripheral activities. It held on to a 25 per cent

stake that Granada inherited when it won the £3.9hn takeover struggle - the last hig clash the market saw despite recurring stories of high-powered hid action.

To make sense of the deal Granada has to sell chunks of Forte; indeed it has been suggested it should realise more than £1bn before its September year-end.

There was a deafening silence, broken last week, when Regal Hotels moved from a modest player into a significant industry force when it agreed to huy 60 of Forte's White Hart chain of hotels for £121.7m. The deal lifted the Regal port-



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Stock market reporter

Getting rid of the 25 per cent Alpha stake should be relatively easy, particularly if Granada can encourage a predator. The consolidation in the aircraft support industry has already created some powerful groupings and there is an extensive list of possible suitors such as Ogden, Gate Gourmet, Dobbs and the recently formed consortium hringing together Lufthansa. CaterAir and Sky Chef, the market leader. Assuming a bidder is prepared to pay a small premium Granada should be cline in the strength of its traditional customers - independeni retailers. An unsuccessful diversification into Americanstyle warehouse club shopping

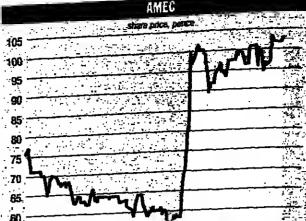
has also taken its toll. It has warned that profits, due on Thursday, will be in the £19m to £20m range. Analysts had nursed hopes of more than

A year ago SHV, which owns 60 per cent of Makro, the UK's biggest cash and carry busine suggested it should inject 25 outagain. Many suspect that if it is disappointed by Thursday's per-formance it will do so.

But even if spurred into action it may not make a full bid. An attempt to lift its stake to a controlling level is more likely.

By far the biggest group reporting this week - tomorrow - is Jefferson Smurfit. The Irish packaging and paper group could produce around Ir£420m (£432m), np from Ir£317m. It has enjoyed strong pricing and high volume but faces a tougher time this year. Moss Bros, the clothing retailer, also has a date with its

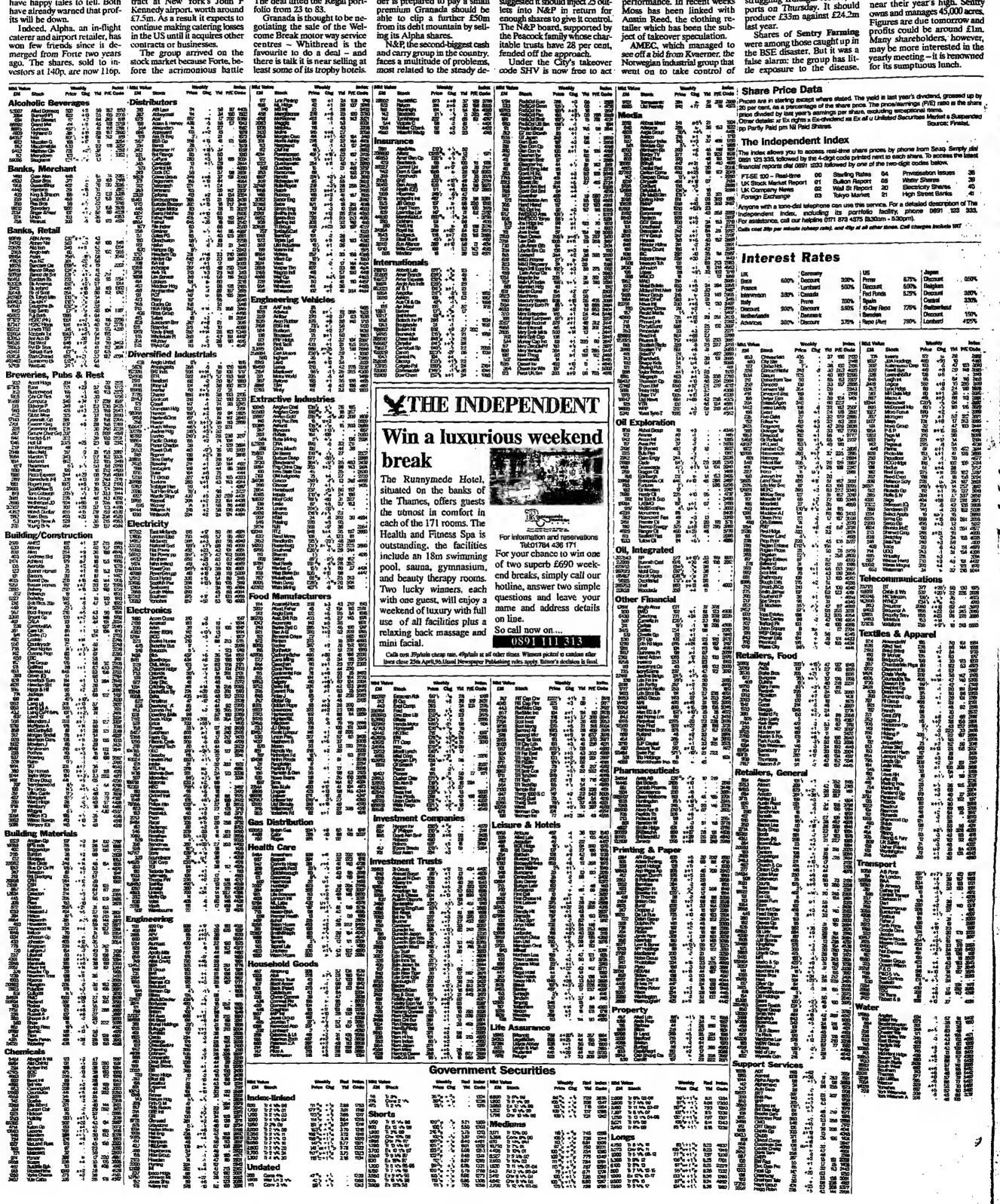
shareholders tomorrow. A year's out-turn of £9.5m is expected, up from £7.9m, followa strong interim performance. In recent weeks

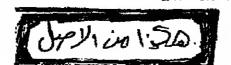


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struggling Trafalgar House, re-

The shares, at 171p, are back near their year's high. Sentry





# Sunday's race was less complicated than the other two victories. On the other hand it was perhaps a more typical grand prix

Before the start of the Argentinian Grand Prix, I really felt that the odds were against me winning my third think about, more or less from start think about, more or less from start think about, more or less from start think about. competition was closer than ever before. Under normal circumstances, I could cope with that, but a severe stomach upset meant I was not ex-actly full of energy – or anything else, come to that – and ready for a 72-

I had not managed to get any nu-trition into me during the previous two days. Throughout Saturday night, 1 was visiting the loo every couple of hours, so I didn't have much sleep. I felt sure I was going to be pretty uncomfortable at some stage on Sunday afternoon but, fortunately, everything seemed to abate just in time. Not only did I reach the finish without any major problems, the Rothmans-Williams-Renault team enjoyed another one-two as Jacques Villeneuve followed me home.

The necessary concentration had

to finish. With Michael Schumacher sharing the front row of the grid, my first joh would be to judge just how fast the Ferrari could go. Michael was able to put pressure on me during the early stages of the race, so I had to pace myself quite carefully and yet push as hard as I could. At first, I was looking in my mirror to see what Schumacher was doing, but then I decided to concentrate solely on pulling out a lead. By 20 laps I had built up an advantage of several seconds and it seemed I had the measure of the

The gap reduced to four seconds after my first refuelling stop, sn we lost a little bit of time in the pits.I was starting to push again when the safety car suddenly appeared and we had to form up behind it. You can

There was good reason for the ap-pearance of the safety car. Badoer's Forti had overturned and, not long after, a Ligier caught fire in a hig way. Both drivers were OK but, in the meantime. I was trying to work out how best to deal with the restart now that the field was stacked up behind me.

Once the safety car pulled into the pit lane, the timing would be critical since you are not allowed to overtake until reaching the start and finish line which, in this case, was some distance from the pit entrance. I have to say that the safety car was being driven very slowly, which did nothing for tyre temperatures and pressures, both of which are vital when it comes to the performance of the car. This safety car was making such a bad job of it that imagine my thoughts because all the I had to put my foot on the clutch



most of the time, or put the car in neutral and coast along behind him. To complicate matters even further, I no longer had any radio communication. I couldn't hear the pits hnt they could hear me. In fact, they could hear me furning, with a few choice words. Everyone was having a go at getting through and, at one point an engineer was spending a lot of time trying to communicate. I was wishing he would stop talking because I couldn't work out what was

being said and I couldn't say any-thing while he was talking. In fact, in an effort to get him to shut up, I even tried to signal with my hands in case there were pictures coming from the on-board camera. And, of course, all the time I was trying to prepare myself for the rolling

I got the jump on Schumacher and began to ease out a lead once more. The next problem was obviously going to be receiving the call for my second pit stop, but, by re-lying on the pit board, I came in at the right moment and this time I got away quickly

When Schumacher dropped out, the pit signals said that Jean Alesi was in second place. And he was flying. The Benetton-Renault started to close the gap and I had to pull out all the stops. That was about the only time when I had to really drive close to the limit. I was anxious to stay clear of Alesi because I knew he

slightest sniff of victory. Fortunately, he made a very slow pit stop a few laps later.

When his team-mate, Gerhard Berger, retired 1 had a sufficient cushion over Jacques Villeneuve to maintain my lead until the finish. That made it four straight victories if you include the last round of the 1995 championship. It is the longest winning streak I've ever had; it's a brilliant way to start the season.

The three wins I've had in 1996 could not have been more different. Last Sunday's race was less com-plicated than the other two. On the other hand, it was perhaps a more typical grand prix, all about pressure. lose competition and less variables - apart from the safety car.

The one constant, however, has been the advantage of winning pole position, something I didn't do in Melbourne but which I have made sure of ever since. In Argentina, that

only fourth fastest, there were just three minutes to go and about 17 cars on the track. On such a tight circuit as Buenos Aires, I simply had to get pole position, otherwise winning the race would have been almost out of the question.

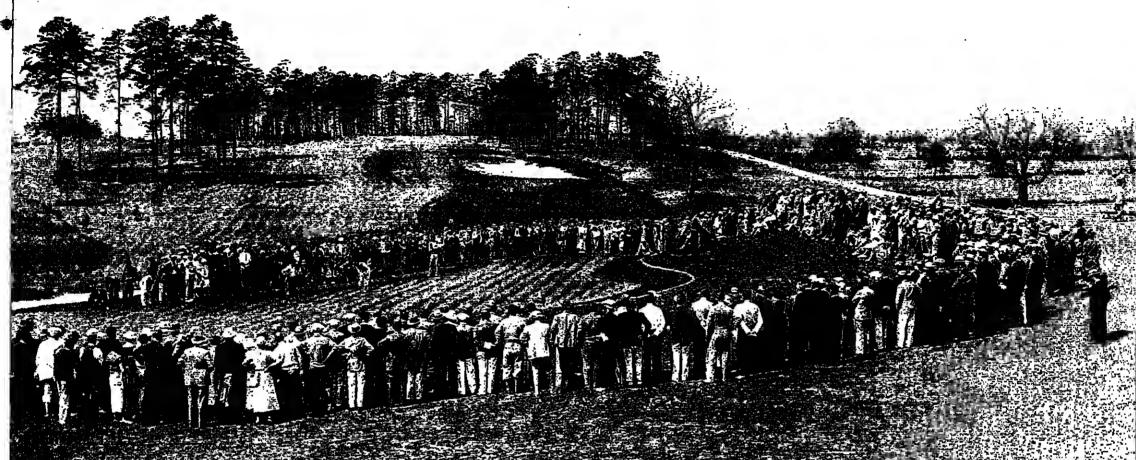
Everything may have gone ac-cording to plan last weekend but everyone is only too aware that just a few hiccups can see your advantage vaporise into nothing. On the other hand, while I'm on this winning streak, I really want to pull oft another win in Germany in three

weeks' time. After the race had finished I had time to think about going home again after the South American trip; time to realise that, thanks to my fitness, I had made the rostrum and received the trophy from President Carlos Menem. I can honestly say

that I'd never felt better.

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# Strange trio who created the Masters

club of the Masters, and perhaps the man most responsible for its image. could not face untidiness and loss of independence when cancer eventually ruined his health just as he passed 80. He blew his hrains out with a Smith & Wesson 38 revolver one morning in 1977, hut not before he had gone to the cluhhouse barber for

In 1921 then a young partner in the Wall Street brokers Reynolds & Co. Roberts made his first fortune buying and selling leases of Texas oil. Eventually becoming one of the largest stockbrokers in New York running profitable accounts like General Motors, he had made enough cash and had enough time to focus on golf. By 1931 Roberts had serious financial friends like the bosses of Coca-Cola and the Singer Sewing Machine company. But crucially, Roberts was the most important FOB. the

"Friends of Bob".

When Bobby Jones - the young legend fresh from winning everything. hinted at his desire to build a great golf course Roberts found the money, found the backers and found the Georgia Nursery property belonging to a Belgian aristocrat, Baron Berckman. When the television cameras this week pan round the Masters course and commentators show off their horticultural expertise by praising the beauty of the azaleas and the double magnolias, it is the Baron and his "Fruitlands Nursery" who should be

The rest on view is down to Jones, Roberts, and a Scottish physician turned military camouflage expert

Leaving aside such arcane pur-

whey like things to be neat and tidy at Augusta. Clifford Roberts, co-founder of the host In new research into MacKenzie's life by Professor James Scott, a retired obstetrician from Leeds, there are the

first hints into why this triumvirate of the good doctor, Jones and Roberts were able to create the one thing Americans covert over all else - tra-

MacKenzie's life as unearthed by Scott reads like a Hollywood drama. He was born in Normington, near Leeds, but the family came from Lochinver in Sutherland, northern Scotland. Lochinver is crucial to MacKenzie and therefore to Augusta too. Here the young MacKenzie was introduced to the skills of natural camouflage when he was out stalking

red deer with his father. Although he qualified as a doctor MacKenzie was never a committed man of medicine. He served in both the Boer and Great War but in 1916 he resigned from the Medical Corps, giving up the rank of major to become a licutenant in the Royal Engineers to do camouflage work. He would later simplify the task of the course designer by stating: "The practitioner of camouflage tries to set up insoluble confusions with the enemy, the course designer uses the same skills to set soluble puzzles for the competitor." At Amen Corner on Sunday as the final nine holes approach, the image of MacKenzie's ghost in the colourful

bushes watching to see if Augusta's camouflage is foxing the great men somehow seems wonderfully apt. Scott believes MacKenzie was a jovial, roguish, outgoing and confi-dent personality. "These features are best encompassed by the Scot's word gallus," he says. But one trait The traditions that define Augusta were developed by a reactionary Scottish camouflage expert. James Cusick reports

explains why MacKenzie may have fitted in well with the southern conservatism of Jones and Roberts. He was an autocrat and would have recognised the southern culture of a society where everyone was supposed to know their place. Scott maintains that MacKenzie's idea of political health "makes Reagan and Thatcher seem like liberals". In conversation MacKenzie would apparently enlarge repeatedly on the

place of golf as a bulwark against Bol-No less a saint-maker than Alastair Cooke, who befriended Bobby Jones in his later years admits Jones was an incurable conservative". When the first casual meeting between Jones and MacKenzie took place at the Pasatiempo golf course in California, MacKenzie's design work was already internationally respected. The

two got on like house on fire.

Brittle should not be allowed to be a dictator



The practitioner of camouflage tries to set up insoluble confusions with the enemy' - Alister MacKenzie

Jones "conceptualised" Augusta, Mackenzie designed it. It would have "similar features" to St Andrews (two holes), two with Cypress Points, one hole similar to the fourth at Alwoodly, Leeds, and one each from North Berwick and Muirfield. The two men firmly believed it would become "the world's wonder inland

course". MacKenzie did not get a large fee for his work at Augusta. One person around at the time said: "If he made any money on that course he would hear the change jingle in his pocket". The hint is that the good doctor would stand many a round in the har when things were going well. MacKenzie died before all the work on Augusta was completed and be-fore the first "Invitational Tournament" would metamorphose into

the Masters. But if you are setting about creat-ing "tradition" you cannot reveal anything that has been changed. From original photographs of Augusta and comparison with the course now there is more than a hint of change. The almost surgical detail of the way the course is looked after may echo MacKenzie's trade. But Augusta, though they will not admit it, is a pedi-gree product still evolving.

In 1947 Jones was stricken with a

degenerative spinal disease that eventually put him in a wheelchair. He remained president of Augusta until his death in 1971. It was Roberts who fashioned the club's image, who insisted on its independence and who cracked the whip others, even Jones himself, felt. Fewer FOBs and more CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) dominated Augusta's tycoon-ridden membership under Roherts' dicta- no one will helieve you.

torship. Augusta is, always has been, establishment. Eisenhower's successful Presidential campaign was launched and almost run from Augusta. Roberts helped organise that. He also organised the dumping of Nixon from the Vice Presidential ticket in 1952.

That the club is almost exclusivey white and is as much a reflection of the make-up of the Fortune 500 richest husinessmen as a racist slur. But it also seems an inherent part of the southern states' culture.

Only when forced, as they were recently when Lee Trevino and others threatened to boycott the Masters unless the cluh changed its mcmbership policy did the club relent and admit its first black member. But a few hlack faces in the clubhouse change little. If Trevino wanted appearances changed, then fine, Augusta would change its appearance. That is the business the club has always been in.

Perhaps the pinnacle horror of such a policy is the treatment Roberts handed out to his long-term friend. Jones' disease had worsened. The legend in his wheelchair could hardly hold on to a cigarette. At that time the "tradition" was for Jones to pre-sent the Masters champion with the coveted Green Jacket. But image must have got the better of Roherts. The extremely ill Jones was banned from taking part in the televised jacket ceremony. The fall-out was that Roberts was not invited to attend Jones' funeral in 1971.

Regardless of Roberts' prejudices and autocracy, his created tradition will be on display again this week. Try telling anyone in golf it is not real and

### **Novice** winners blur the form line

Followers of form for the Masters will be haffled by the season on the United States tour recently – the virtually unknown Paul Stankowski became the fourth first-time winner in the past five weeks when he beat Brandel Chamhlee in a play-off to take the BellSouth Classic in Marietta, Georgia, and with it the last place in the field at Augusta on

Stankowski and Chamblee finished on eight-under-par at 280, two in front of Nick Price and the overnight leader David Duval - and eight ahead of both Colin Montgomerie and lan Woosnam, who closed with disappointing rounds of 73.

Stankowski, a 26-year-old Californian who won on the junior tour the previous week, was originally the sixth reserve for the tournament, hut picked up the £156,000 first prize after Chamblee dumped his second shot to the par-five 18th - the opening sudden-death hole ito the lake.

Woosnam and Montgomerie. first and second respectively on the European Order of Merit. could not repeat their third-round 68s and fell back into the pack. Two shots further back

closing 70. The other first-time winners since the start of March have been Tim Herron, Paul Goydos and Scott McCarron. They have all won places in the starting line-up at Augusta. The sole exception was Fred Couples' triumph over Mont-gomerie in the Tournament Players' Championship at Saw-

grass last week. Stankowski's victory means that this year's field will now be 94 strong, eight more than in the tournament won by Ben Crenshaw last April. The field includes 12 Europeans.

And, of course, Jack Nicklaus, who warmed up for the season's first major by winning the 100th professional victory of his career at Scottsdale, Arizona, on Sunday when he retained the Tradition title on the

lucrative Seniors' tnur. He sealed his fourth win in the tournament with a second straight round of 65, seven under par, which gave him a 16under aggregate of 272 - three better than the former US Open champion Hale Irwin.

Kelly Robbins beat Val Skinner with an 18-foot hirdie pun on the fifth play-off hole to win the LPGA tournament at the new Twelve Bridges cluh in Lincoln, California, Emilec Klein, Meg Mallon and Barb Mucha tied for third at 277, while Laura Davies' final round 70 gave her a 282 total and a share of 16th place. Scores, Sporting Digest.

# suits as clay-pigeon shooting, we can agree that, of all sports, it is at rugby (both league and union varieties) that England

are now best. In rugby union. they occupy a world position be-tween third and fifth. The optimistic will claim that they could and should have beaten France in that spiritless play-off for third place in the World Cup. The more realistic may say that their place lies below France's and that Australia in addition to the inevitable South Africa and New Zealand - are above them as well.

No matter. England are clearly now a force in international rugby such as they have not been since the early 1920s. when, in any case, worldwide competition did not exist on anything like its present scale. For their current pre-eminence.

they can thank first, Geoff Cooke and, second, the Courage Leagues, in particular the intense competition which has been generated by the First and Second Divisions and did not exist previously - when, for example, Wasps were not even on Harlequins' fixture list. There are those who pay trib-

ute also to the Rugby Football Union's famous "structure" of A-teams, development squads and the rest. I am afraid I do not. Young players who do not reach the squads go unjustly un-noticed; while others who find a place and are then discarded become discouraged. But this is by the way. My view is that English rugby of the 1990s is the

creation of Cooke and the

Cooke was always - how can one put it? - uneasy in his relations with the RFU. As far as I know, he has played no part in the present negotiations or, rather, absence of negotiations with that body. But there is something of what William Blake called fearful symmetry in the conflict between clubs and union. There is also a paradox in that the union under Cliff Brittle - whom the union establishment did not want as chairman of its executive committee - claims to be representing the clubs too, though in

his case the smaller ones.

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to make a formal and belated recommendation for entry into negotiations with the First and Second Division clubs. Brittle is not or should not be allowed rather than any that will be The first step is for the RFU to be a dictator. He can be giv- adopted.

en instructions constitutionally. If he disagrees with them, he can resign. I am writing, by the way, before the announcement of whether or not there will be relegation from the First Division. Whatever the decision, it is a disgrace that it has taken so long to make, until the very last month of the season.

If there are negotiations, as there must be, their outcome will be determined less by rationality and common sense than by the resolution of interests, of which financial interests will predominate. I am here giving what would, in my opinion, he the ideal solution

competitions would be abolished completely, consigned to the rugby museum. Why Brittle supports the counties, and Fran Cotton has suddenly become attached to the divisional competition, are equally mysterious to me. The sole purpose of the County Championship has long been to allow Cornishmen, Yorkshiremen and others from the outer fringes to come up to Twickenham to make a lot of noise, deluding themselves the while that their rugby prowess is in-

Courage League tables.
The divisional competition is a more serious affair. It is cer-

tainly taken most earnestly by Both divisional and county the RFU, which arrogantly excludes non-England qualified players from participating in it. But no one really cares about it at all. Bath against Harlequins last Saturday generated more interest and provided a better game than the South-West against London Counties would ever have done. I certainly hope the next touring party to visit England play Bath. Harlequins, Leicester and Sale - or whoever are at that time the hest sides in, respectively, the South-West, sufficiently recognised in the North - rather than the divi-

sions. In addition, contracts would

be between players and clubs rather than between players and the RFU. These individual contracts would, however, be governed by a written agreement between the RFU and the clubs collectively, providing that the interests of a Five Nations country (Wales, Scotland, Ircland and, yes, France as well as England) would predominate over those of a club.

But recently it seems to me that the countries, England especially, have been claiming too much, notably in the cavalier way they remove players for whole training weekends. As Clive Wondward complained on Saturday, referring to Ireland not England, this is unfair. Though his language was in-London, the Midlands and the temperate, his conclusion was correct. And needs to be properly addressed in the coming months. Some hope!

# Sack race with hundredweight of history

Andy Martin with the runners at the 33rd World Coal Carrying Championships in Yorkshire

The Royal Oak in Gawthorpe, Yorkshire, was the start of the 33rd World Coal Carrying Championships which fin-ished 1,012 metres and one hundredweight later at the freshly painted maypole on the

village green.
But the race's origins go back to another pub. The Beehive, one Sunday lunchtime in 1963, "You're looking fired." raid one miner. I out is tired," said one miner, Louis Hartley, to another, Reggie Sedgwick. "I'm fitter than thee" came the riposte. "And I'm fitter than the both of you," chipped in Amos Clapham, a coal merchant. A heated debate ensued. Soon they were betting on who could run furthest and fastest with a sack of coal on his back and so the World Coal Carrying Championships

None of the three ever actually ran in it. There are two great traditions in Gawthorpe: one is competing in a coal carrying championship, the other is talking about competing in it. "There's a lot of folk round here that say they can do it," pointed out Mar-tin Douglas in his fifth year of running. But when it comes to the day they're not there anymore. I take my hat off to any man that finishes it. There's a point when it's like running up against that brick

Paul Hitch of the Gawthorpe Maypole Committee, which organises the event, sees it as another spring fertility rite "which goes back to the Middle Ages at least". But Roy Sykes, an ex-coal miner from Barnsley, now 49, who has won the Scarborough Coal Carrying Championships four times, traces its genealogy



Carrying that weight. One of the competitors takes the strain in Gawthorpe, Yorkshire, yesterday. In the men's event only two of the 30 entrants failed to finish

Photograph: David Ashdown

back still further to ancient Greece. "Look at discus, javelin, shot put: they were all originally weapons of war. Now they are accepted sports. This is the same. Greek warriors used to run with heavy weights on their backs. The Vikings trained the same way." He feels that the Baron de Coubertin missed a trick by not recognising Coal Carrying as an Olympic

Sykes was inspired by a paintSykes wasn't running this: A dramatic last minute enstrength. But we're carrying therefore the race was not
ing in the Barnsley military year and was concentrating trant in the women's race (same heavy weights all the time - it's beyond the capabilities of any

museum he used to see as a kid. It showed a soldier carrying a wounded comrade over his shoulder back to his own line. Now he sees all the Gawthorpe runners as heroes, "People think because it's coal it's dirty. But the thing is the sack weighs 50 kilos. It's irrelevant what's in it. The coal is only there because this is a mining district. But it could just as well be a bag of flour or sugar.

instead on being "motivator" to the favourite, John Hunter, who came in second last year and found inspiration in Kirk Douglas in the film Spanacus. He saw Hunter as a hunter-gatherer type, a naked ape. "It's a spirit that's come down to us through time. We haven't changed essentially for millions of years. This is like carrying home the kill and still being able to run from the sabre-tooth tiger."

distance with a half a hundred not shopping it's kids. Women weight sack) was a woman with another good mythic martial name, Belinda Archer. She is a nurse who has run the London Marathon. But with a shoulder injury and without training she is wrapped in a plastic bag was out of the race until she before being put in the sack, alrealised there were only three. Though the men prefer to arrive women competing. "It's ridica- trailing clouds of coal dust, lous there are not more women. She reckons she was only an going in for it. They're indo- average all-rounder rather than trinated into thinking they've no a specialist runner and that

are stronger than they think they are." She suspected they had some psychological block about humping coal, "But it's not even dirty." The women's coal

She reckons she was only an

fit woman. "You don't have to be Arnold Schwarzenegger to win. In fact it's a disadvantage to be too muscular. Bodybuilders can pick up a bus - but

much lactic acid in the muscles." The secret was "a good knuckle hold - get a solid lump in your hand." Archer came in second to Pauline Oldfield, a fell runner who had cunningly prepared for coal carrying by competing in a straw bale carrying

they can't run to catch it. Too

locals lining the uphill route, another last minute entrant led nearly all the way. But Lee. McAvoy was overtaken on the flat, a hundred yards from the maypole by Mick Scott, aged 36, a builder and ex-rugby player who finished in 4min 36sec: John Hunter came in third. Two men out of the 30 strong field failed to finish, too old or too weak, presumably picked off by a bungry sabre-tooth.

#### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Play-off candidates Huddersfield have not been nearer a top-flight place since they won the Second Division title in 1970 with the team that unveiled Frank Worthington's goalscoring talents and pushed the

Should the Terriers go up this season, Cherry, now 48 and an associate director, will take some credit again, having been involved in recruiting Brian Horton as manager. "I felt Brian did well in difficult circumstances at Manchester he said, "but I turned down Sunder-City and he has had on exceptional land for other reasons, including the season for us," Cherry said.

to Leeds United in 1972 that it was the best decision lever made." Cherry made his name, winning e championship medal and 27 Eng- three children, runs a successful land caps. He left Elland Road to promotions and corporate hospibe player-manager of Bradford tailty business, based in Hudders-City, where his Third Division title field but which often takes him to triumph in 1985 was overshadowed Leeds, with whom, he admits, he by the Valley Parade fire. Sacked shares his loyalties. His son, Darin 1987, he rejected a chance to ren, had thats with Leeds but now. take over at Sunderland but has no like his New York-based brother, lan, regrets about leaving management 25, is a chartered accountant. His

"The fire affected me, I'm sure."



travetling I would have faced, plus it was after a £100,000 move my son's A-levels. With hindsight,

> daughter, Danielle, is a student. Jon Cuiley

**Trevor Cherry** 

Today, Cherry, married with

# Ford adds bonus for Cardiff

**Rugby Union** STEVE BALE

Aberavon

Bonus points for tries may be a farce and even an incitement be every incentive to allow each to dishonesty but they are keeping the Welsh season alive to its long-drawn-out end. A full house of five points - two for yesterday's win and three for seems but anyway it is quite seven tries - took Cardiff into third place behind Neath and Pontypridd.

Though the defending chammans are still seven points hehind the leaders they have two games in hand, leaving their fortunes essentially in their own hands. Nowadays in Wales simple victory is simply not enough nor, as Aberavon would attest. is simple defeat. A third try here would have given them one precious point. The Wizards, as they are

precise, and they are last in the penultimately placed Aber-tillery on 20 April there would other to score seven tries in the first half and then battle for the

It is less far-fetched than it complicated enough trying to work out the computations at the top without worrying about the bottom as well. This will run and run: arranged fixtures will 19th in the arranged therefore bring Pontypridd up against only one short of the season's

win in the second.

Club Matches

sometimes known, have con-jured few enough, eight to be first half of May. Evans and Wayne Proctor. Yes-

Eventually Cardiff won easily points from far inferior performances this season and Cardiff about to sign for Richmond. made such heavy weather - in heavy weather - of achieving superiority that by half-time Jonathan Humphreys was their only try-scorer.

In the second half Aberavon managed tries by Phil Wintle and Richard Diolock, but by this time the game was beyond them. Steve Ford went on to score three for Cardiff, the third his 19th in the kay we and therefore

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terday's others came from First Division. If we are to be- enough but, in praise of Aber- Andrew Booth, Owain Williams lieve one entirely mischievous avon, they have obtained bonus and Adrian Davies, the latter no

Ford is only 12 away from the Cardiff record of 185 held by significance of rugby history is being eroded by professionalism and the importance of league rugby. Cardiff revealed their priority by starting with only two of those who faced the Barbarians on Saturday - formerly the prestige fixture of their season.

Abertweet R Dolock: B Grabham, C Lefty (H Merrett, 78), J Jardine, P Windle (G Williams, 64); M Watts Icapt), G Baber, D Austin (A Swan, 72), J Haghes, R Jasper, C Capham 5 Thomas, A Maris (R Mems, 45), G Evens, C

Carrette M Rayer: 5 Ford, M Hall, J Device, S Hil: A Davies, A Booth; M Griffiths (P Booth, 60), J Humphreys (P Young, 721, L Mustos, J Waterford, D Jones, C Mets (E Lewis, 72), D Wilsarts, H Taylor (capt). Referee: C Thomas (Nesth) repla

## **Castleford agree to Botica joining Orrell**

Frano Botica, currently under contract with Castleford Rugby League club, has finally signed now fully recovered from a broken leg, has been given permission by Castleford to play Bleddyn Williams - though the union during the league closeseason next winter.

Orrell completed the twoyear deal, believed to be worth more than £40,000, after Moseley dropped out of the race. "I'm glad it's all sorted out. I'm very keen to play union, but at the moment league is my priority, Botica said. Botica, who won the first of

seven All Blacks caps in 1986, switched codes to join Wigan in 1990. He chalked up the fastest 1,000-points haul in league history in the 1992-93 season. He also holds the Wigan records for points (423) in a season and goals (186) in

launched another attack in their increasingly bitter battle Union yesterday. They reaffirmed their stance that relegation from the First Division should be suspended for this

England's leading clubs

Cliff Brittle, the Rugby Football Union executive committee chairman, will today attempt to explain publicly the issues involved in negotiations between the two factions.

Donald Kerr, the chairman of English Parfessional Rughy Clubs, said: "We believe it is the only fair way and hope the RFU will see the similarity with their own example.

"I emphasise this would be for one season only and would be the same arrangement that has already been agreed by the RFU for Division Two this

3.55: (3m 5f Irish Grand Naponal Hand-p Chase) 1. FEATHERED GALE (F Woods) 8-1: 2. Jodami 5-1 tav; 3. Cool Dawn 15-A Moore). Tota: £9.10; £2.00, £2.00, £3.60, £1.80. Reverse: £21.70. CSF, £47.58, Th-cast: £299.58. Tho: £1.00.00 MR: Anabatic,

2.20: 1. MRL THYME (G Cahil) 5-4 fav; 2. Level Edge 10-1; 3. Wild Rose Of York 7-4. 12 ran. 3, 2. (Mrs M Reveloy). Tota: £2.50; £1.50, £4.00, £1.20. DF: £22.60. 2.50: 1. DALUSMAN (L O'Hara) 25-1; 2. Stawwell 2-1 fav. 3. Briar's Delight 9-4. 7 ran, 4/2, 6. (J Bristt, ). Tote: £38.40; £3.20, £1.50. DF: £44.90, CSF: £71.28.

3.20: 1. MASTER SANDY (B Storey) 4-5: 2. David's Way 7-4; 3. J'Accuse 25-1. 3.20: 1. MASTER SAMAT (0 SAME): 9-6 few; 2. David's Way 7-4; 3. FACCURE 25-1. 10 ran. 18, 34c. 18 Mactaggard, Toke; 52.10; £1.40, £1.10. £3.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.85.
3.50: 1. GO STLLY (G Cahil) 4-1; 2. Canouse Rocket 1.1-4 if for; 2. Statigue Fort 4-1. 6 rain. 1.1-4 if the Grand Scenery (pulled up). 1.2. 8. 16 Elison). Tothe: £4.00; £2.00, £2.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £14.84. E2.10. OF: £6.90. CSF: £14.84. 4.20: 1. WELL APPOINTED IF Perratii 9-2; 2. Urban Dencing 10-1; 3. Silver Sieeve 7-1. 10 rtr. 9-4 fav Gleruige (edi), 5, 6, 1 Mactaggaru, Teter £4.90; £1.90, £3.40, £2.30. OF: £33.20. CSF: £45.05. Tricast: £987.74

287.71. 4.50: 1. BRAZEN GOLD (Nr D Barlow) 6-4 fav. 2. Glenbricken 7-2; 3. Whosthat 6-1. 5 ran. 3½, dist. (Sr John Barlow). Tota: £2.00: £1.40, £1.70. DF: £3.40. CSF:

5-1; 2. Distant HRS 6-1; 3. Grand Cru 6-1, 14 ran. Evens fav My Buster (4th), 8, 3. U Other), Totac 55, 10; £2,10, £1,80, £2,30. DF; £16.90, CSF: £35,77.

CATEGORY

Maich 6 (Jackpot)

Match 5 plus bonus call

Match 5

TOTALS

# CHEPSTOW CHEPSTOW 2.00: 1. POTENTATE (D. Bridgwater) 11-8 fax; 2. Lady Pela 11-4; 3, Raphael Bodine 33-1 12 mm. 14-1 14-6 M PDel, Tolm: 22-20; £1-30, £1-50, £8-50. DF: £3-30. CSF. £6-34. 2.30: 1. ABSALOM'S LADY IA Procter) 5-1: 2. Backgamaroon 9-2: 3. Rubbahamish 14-1. T ran. 6-4 fax Cinfor Best (44n; Hd., 4. 10 Essworth), Tolm: £5-80; £2-70, £2-30. DF: £17-80. CSF: £27-00. 3.00: 1. RINCK WILL TOW PLHde: 13-2: 2.

3.00: 1. SUCK WILLOW (P Hide) 13-2; 2. 3.00: 1, SUCK WILLOW (P Hide) 13-2; 2. Seed Rioga 9-2; 3. Mr P Hanagan 9-4 ft fav. 8 ran. 9-4 ft fav. 134. 5. U Gifford. Tode: £5.60; £1.80, £2.70. DF: £18.80. CSF: £32.66.
3.30: 1. WADADA ID J Burchell 9-1; 2. Jeresoph 5-2; 3. Test Match 6-1. 10 ran. 7-4 fav Nordo Valey. 3. 3. (0 Burchell). Tode: £12.40; £1.80, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £21.10. CSF: £31.88.

CSF: £31.88.
4.00: 1. BLACK CHURCH (D D'Sullivari)
7-1; 2. Beuer Babilliord 15-2; 3. Chemnel Pes-time 8-1. 9 ren. 2-1 fev Tudor Fable, 3, 4.
(R Rowe). Totac Es. 40; £2.50, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £20.30. CSF: £56.37. Troasti 4.30: 1. LEAD VOCALIST (D O'Sulivan)
15-8; 2. Rough 11-4; 3. Bayertyka £3-8
fax, 4-ran, ½, 8. IR Rowel: Yoke: £2,80. DF:

E3.80. CSF: £7.16. NR: Supreme Master Placepor: £729.10. Quadpor: £972.10. Place 6: £644.82. Place 5: £ 424.58. FAKENHAM

3.40: 1.1 viCEPo RULER ID Shirms)
7-2; 2. Lofty Deed 8-1; 3. Wordy's Wonder
7-1, 6 ran, 2-1 far Nessun Doro (5th), 2, 8.
Ulerians, 1 rotate 56.40; £2.00, £2.20, £2.20,
0F; £37.90, CSF: £31.75. Treast: £180.26,

1,262

IT WAS THEM.

Oraw date: 6/4/96. The winning numbers: 1, 4, 6, 14, 17, 38. Bonus number: 9. Total Sales: £79.821.776. Prize Fund: £46,207,533 (45% of ticket sales plus £10,287,734 from lest week's rollover jackpor).

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY.

In the event of any discrepancy in the above, the data contained in Camelal computer system shall prevail.

4.15: 1. TWBER'S BOY Mr RGM 7-1: 2. Farings 41 g lav; 3. Wisting 4-1 g fav. 11 ran. Oct. 10. (B Carl). Tota: £11.90: £2.80, £2.40, £2.60. DF: £21.40. CSF: £40.93. 4.50: 1. CRACKLING FROST (Mr R Wak-ley) 20-1; 2. Magsood 8-1; 3. Time Enough 5-1. 7 rac. 6-4 fav Unde Bert (5th). Sh hd, 1/4; (Mr D Haine, 1; Tobe: £15.10; £4.00, £3.80, DF: £186.60, CSF; £152.96.

5.26: 1. POLY AMANSHAA (D Symme) 6-1; 2. Fen Terrier 4-1; 3. Trouvelle 3-1. 8 ran. 5-2 fay Bistam Outburst (public up). 8, 24y. 04 Bankst. Total: £11.50; £2.40. £1.80, £1.80. DF: £29.90. CSF: £36.45. Tocast £88.49.
Placepot £753.60. Quadpot £122.10.
Place & £677.30. Place & £461.20. HEREFORD

2.30: 1. RIDIAN JOCKEY (R Farrant) 11-10 fav. 3. Cyrus The Great 5-4; 3. Tap On Tootsie 6-1. 6 ras. 6, 11. (M Poe), Tota: 52-30; £1.20, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: 22-94 22.30; 21.20, 21.30, 21.50 DF: 21.80, CSF: 22.34, 3.05; 1. FAMBLUP FRIEND (Mr. 1. 12) -2.; 2. Septimethodaughter 3-1 fax; 3. Enchanted Man. 14-1, 12 ran. 2, 15. US Girnorel. Tolar 55.30; 22.10, £3.40, £3.30, DF: £5.80, CSF: £1.76, NR: Teryford, 3.40; 1. WREKENGALE (R Famany 13-8 fax; 2. Vissaga 3-1; 2. Jesson's Boy 5-1.8 ran. 1/2, 5. (Mr. 5. Jesson's Boy 5-1.6 ran

27.77. 7/icast: £20.23.
4.15: 1. 7059/ANO (M Clarke) 12-1: 2. Foreing Two 2-1 fav; 3. Spa Reity 25-1: 25 sm. 5, 10. (D Wilsons), Total: £28.50; £4.70, £1.80, £7.10, OF: £44.70, CSF: £41.01.
4.50: 1. BONE SETTER (N Mary) 11-8; 2. Hawailan Sam 11-10 fav; 3. Revenapur 50-1: 7 sm. 14v, 20, IS Metho), Total: £2.20; £1.10, £1.90, DF: £2.00, CSF: £3.19.
8.25: 1. BURGHT NOVEMBER (C Llewelpu) 7-4 fav; 2. Heart Of Spain 6-1; 3. Colveil 12-1; 11 sm. 6, 114. DMrs H Parrott), Total: £2.60; £1.70, £2.50, £4.60, DF: £7.80, CSF: £14.02, Totals: £37.91, NR: lary; Bid. Placepot: £5.10, Quadoot: £3.30, Place 6: £5.91. Place 8: £5.68. £7.77. 7ricast: £20.23.

£4,245,315

£1,868

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HUNTINGDON
2.00: 1. GENERAL SIMBO (K.Ga.in) 9-2:
2. Forgotid 5-2 fay, 3. Cobmy Prince
6-1.8 ran. Hd, 144. (F.Murphy.). Tota: 15.60;
22.00, £1.60, £1.60, DF: £17.30. CSF:
£16.39. Theast: £53.84.
2.30: 1. STAR OF DAVID U Ryent 7-1: 2.
Flace 6-4: 2. Winspit Evens law. 6 ran. 42
19. (Mass. A Embridou). Tota: £5.00: £1.90,
£1.40. DF: £7.30. CSF: £18.20.
3.00: 1. STRONG JOHN (K.Gale). 11-4;
2. Photo's Republic 10: 13. Chicago's Boot

3.00: 1. STROMS JOHN (K Gale) 11-4;
2. Pleto's Republic 10-1; 3. Chicago's Best
6-4 [t tev. 4 man. 6-4 [t fev Pyrems Prince
field. 1/4, det. [6] hibbard. Tota: 53.00.
DF: E8,60. CSF: £19,15.
3.30: 1. ARMAIA [I. Aspell 3-1; 2.
Marrieree 4-5 fev; 3. Young Polony 2-1, 3
ran. 8, dist. [J Gifford], Tota: £3.30. DF:
£1.90. CSF: £5.71. NR: Purten.
4.05: 1. PA D'OR (I. Aspell) 5-2 fev; 2.
Limous 7-1; 3. Thesis 9-2, 10 ran. -4, T. U.
Gifford. Tota: £3.70: £1.80. £2.20. £1.80.
DF: £13.40. CSF: £21.85.
4.35: 1. SOLO GENT [I. Aspell) 1-2 fev; 2.
Reinchack 10-1; 3. Thibasin 13-2, 4 mn. 15,
26 (A. Loren, Tota: £1.80. DF: £6.40. CSF: £5.42.
8.00: 1. SWYNTOND PRIDE [I. Aspell)
1-3 fev; 2. Beartie Stir 100-30; 3. Chief Cale
16-1, 6 ran. 1/4, 4. (J Bottorfey). Tota:
£2.80; 1. 130. £2.20. 2.260. DF: £6.50. CSF:
£3.53. NF: Mangle Strait.

Hannachet 200 3-0. Dreadcet: (56.2)

£8.53. NFC Maggle Strait. Placepot: £209.50. Quadpot: £56.20. Place 6: £204.25. Place 5: £126.52.

MARKET RASEN 2.15: 1. RUDI'S PRIDE (N Smith 9-2; 2. Legates 9-1; 3. Aust For A Reason 2-1 km. 6 ran. 4, 4. (S Bel), Tota: £7.10: £1.80, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £83.70. CSF; £43.63. 2.45: 1. SLINGSBY (Nr J CLEON) 11-10 2.45: 1. SUNGSRY (Mr J CLEOV) 11-10 for; 2. Mongyman 3-1; 3. PMSIntersocke 10-1, 14 ran. 2, 2. Miss H Kraghti, Yote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.50, £2.40, DF: £2.40, CSF: £3.24, NF: Flower Of Nep. 2.20: 1. SALLY PARSON (Mr J CJSOV) 10-1; 2. Resetic Air 5-6 for; 3. Super Truck-er 9-2, 6 mm, 114, 6, (R Dickh), Toke: £13.90, £2.80, £1.50, DF: £9.00, CSF: £20.24.

TOTAL EACH TIER

£4,599,900

### 3.55: 1. GROUSEMAN (Mr. J. Cusov) 11-2: 2. Nordic Sun 5-1: 3. Braubleborry 11-2: 2. Nordie San 5-1: 3. Brauchieberry 7-2: 12 ran, 3-1 tav Tom Brode (47), 6, 12. (HYRSH), Tota: 27-50; 22-60, 12-90, £1-70. DF: £27-50, CSP: £38-31, Totass: £109-95. 4-30: 1. MISTI HUNTER (8 Grattari) 5-1;

4.30. 1. MRSTI HUNTER (8 Gratian) 5-1;
2. The Gallouph major 9-2; 3. Solorum Springs 7-2.8 run. 1-14 fav Crate Richards (pulse up), 6, 16, 0. Beaumon), Toker 25.30;
£1.80, £1.80, £1.40, DF £23.80, CSF: £29.09. Thesat: £85.74,
£29.09. Thesat: £85.74,
£3.00: 1. SPEARER WEATHEREL (M Brenten), 7-4 pt tox. 2. Netberty Said 13-2; 3. Too Stamp 7-4 pt fav. 6 run. 7, 14, 10 Brenten), Toker £3.00; £1.80, £2.50, DF: £11.70, CSF: £13.30,
6.30: 1. DARMSHAN (M J Ouldey), 3-1; 2. Printitive Heart 9-1; 3. Chian King 2-1 fav. 17 run. 4, hd. (Miss H Anglett), Toker £3.80; £2.20, £4.40, £1.70, DF: £28.60,
CSF: £4.50, NF: Maris Time.
Place 8: £53.79, Place 8: £22.51.
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**NEWTON ABBOT** 

2.16:1. MR PAYFALL () Frod 2-1 fac 2. Eleanora Masse 12-1; 3. Shepherda Rest 5-1; 4. Whispering Court 14:1. 15 rat. 1½. 2. (R. Frost. Totac £3.80; £1.10, £2.80, £1.90, £4.00. DF: £29.60. CSF: £33.55. Til-

11.90, 24.00. DF: 1228.60. CSF: £33.56. THcent £121.63.
2.50: 1. SEA BARN (Mss. M. Combe!
9-1: 2. Fax. Chapel 14-1: 3. Sea Patrol
7-1. 15 ras. 9-4 tev Cary Horse Dence: 17.
1. 15 ras. 9-4 tev Cary Horse Dence: 17.
1. (M. Coomse). Tote: £23.30; £4.40,
£7.00, £3.00. DF: Non work CSF: £120.80.
Theast: £563.58. NR: Stanskee, Shenakee
(7-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule
4 applies to wit beth, decuation 10p in pound.
3.25: 1. MYBLACKTHORN (Source Michel)
4-1; 2. Prodent Peagy 8-1; 3. Coumberbalance: £5-2.6 sms. 2-1 fav Tima Empress
(670). 1-4. 1/9. (P. Nicholist). Tote: £6.40:
£2-40; £1.50; £1.20. DF: £20.20. CSF:
£30.9° Theast: £172.46.
4.00: 1. ARSEY STREET (C. Maude). 4-9 is;
2. Federals Received 2-2. 3. March Mood 251.5 ras. 19. dist. (C. Strewood). Tote: £1.50:
£1.30; £1.70. DF: £2.40. CSF: £2.55.
4.35: 1. BELLS LEFE (C. Mexide). 4-9 is;

4.35: 1. BELLS LIFE IC Meader 4.9 fb; Pearl's Choice 9-2; 3. Lord Mitrogen -1. 6 ran. 18. 10. P Hobbs), Total E1.40; 120, £1.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.05. 5.10: 1. MRSS DISMON (G. Suppe) 15-1; 2. Forest Feather 6-1: 3. Lansdowne 13-6 tav. 9 rom. 6, 4. (R. Sucker). Token 12-9.50; 15-10, 12-10; 11-50. DF: 159-90. CS: £111.31. Turcas: £229.98. Placapor £122.70. Quadopti: £9.40. Place & £101.27. Place 5: £45.43. PLUMPTON

2.30: 1. VERDE LUNA 6 (awrence) 7-1:

2. Just Marro-Mou 2-1: 3. Sightly Special 13-2. 5 ran. 5-6 law Equity's Darling Partised to race). 7. 3. 10 Abuttmol. Total 17.10: 12-50, 11.60, Dr. 19.80, CSF, 121.16, MR 3.00: 1, MR PRIMETIME (M Berry) 2-5 fax: 2. Full Of Tricks 20-1; 3. Remay The Jackston 7-1, 7 rat. 28, ½, 10 Brooks, Totat 11.60: £1.30, £4.60. DR: £8.60, CSF: £5.81, NR: Mr Sca.

#### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S 12 NATIONAL HUNT RACE MEETINGS 3.30: 1. DAYS OF THUNDER IS FERIOR 9-4 fav; 2. Trojan Call B-1; 3. Handsome Ned 5-2. 9 ran. 6, hd. (khr. 5 Odell, ), Total: £3.30; £1.20, £2.20, £1.30, . DF; £12.40, CSF: £20.60, Tribast: £45.44.

4.00: 1, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT (E Murphy) 1-2 fev; 2. General Shirley 14-1; 3. Clock Watchers 50-1. 8 ran. 4, 3. (1 Casey). Tota: £1.60; £1.40, £3.60, DF: £7.80. CSF: £8.65. NR: The Bizzo.

4.30: 1 FOXERTOVE (B Ferson) 5-2; 2. Senon Blue 14-1; 3. Omidjoy 11-4. 5 ran. 11-8 law Coll Me River curseated riden; 20, 2. (R Procs). Table £3.80; £2.00, £2.40, DF: £15.90, CSF. £25.21. 5.00: 1.CHEPUNI'S CROWN (A Lamach) 9-4 lav; 2. Felf E Thori 10-1; 3. Script 6-1. 8 rax. 2. hd. (Mas K George, ). Total: E3.80: £1.30, £2.40, £1.60, DF: £22.80, CSP: £24.50, 7/scst; £116.83, MR: Nemaste.

Place 6: £49.85. Place 5: £12.83. TOWCESTER

2.35: 1. STAPLEFORD JUDY (W McFar-land) 11-4; 2. Young Lucky 10-1: 3. Dis-tant Home 7-1. 6 ras. 7-4 kg/ Res losa Loquitur (5th). 3, 12, ij Moore), Totac £4.20; £2.10, £2.20, DF: £14.80, CSF: £24.49, NR: Demosda. 2.46; 1. DRUNGCULEN (W McFarland) 11-6: 2. Sizzillag Affair Evens for; 3. Reby's Girl 5-1. 3 rkn. 34, dist. (K Bolley). Totac £2.10, DF: £1.30, CSF: £2.87, NR: Master Pagrafors.

3.15: 1. ANDROS PRINCE (Mess A Em-bricos) 5-2; 2. Titus Andronicus 6-1; 3. Frozen Drop 7-4 (px. 5 ran, Nd. 15. (Miss A Embreck), Totes 23-80; £1.80, £2.90. DF: £11.90. CSF: £18.28. 3.50: 1. ROCIOTOR (A Shekespeare) 16-1; 2. The Boser Withe 10-1; 2. Remedian 15-2. 7 ran. 2-1 it feys Storm Drum (4th), Clesh Of Cymbais (6th), 174, 174, (N Twiston-bayles), Totas £16.30, £4.30, £3.60, DF: £70.00, CSF: £137.19,

4.25: 1. TEAPLANTER (Mr 8 Polock) 4-11 fev; 2. Knockumethin 7-1; 3. Troyford 25-1. 8 ran. 30, 24; Wites C Saunders), Totac £1.50; £1.20, £1.80, Dr: £2.30, CSF: £3.62. 4.55: 1. EURO STREER (Mr R Lawter) 9-1: 2. Processium 14-1: 3. Clean Edge 2-1 tov. 12 ras. 12. ½. (P Webber). Total 10.40: 52-40, 54.30, 51.80, 07: 5226.10. CSF: 5118.56. NR Scamalach. Placepot: EGS.20. Quedpot: 53.50. Placepot: EGS.20. Quedpot: 53.50. Place 6: £1.200.41. Place 8: £4£3.77. UTTOXETER

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2.15: 1. ALZOGNO (\*\* Dey) 2-1; 2.
Snowy Petrol 9-4; 3. Royale Angala 7-4 fev.
7 est. 5, 17. U Gover), Tobe: £2,60; £1.70, £1.60, DF: £2,70. CSF: £6.91.
2.50: 1. TOUGH DEAL OW R Armson)
4-6 for; 2. Bruerd Bay 7-2; 3. Semancle Phoces: 14-1, 5 ran. 9, 20. P Bardy), Tobe: £1.50; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.10, CSF: £3.39,
3.26: 1. GLENGARRIF GRI, IR Belanty)
7-2 R to; 2. Lord Lofty 5-1; 3. Aspectice
Flower 4-1, 13: ran. 7-2 jt fav Captan Captan, 10, 6. (M Pop.), Tobe: £3.70; £1.50, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £10.60, CSF: £24.74, Tacost: £75.60.

# 4.00: 1. SAMLEE IG Tormey: 6-4 fair; 2. Seymour Sey 13-6; 3. Duke Of Lancester 13-2. 5 ran. 14., 26. IP Hobbs. Total: 52.40; £1.50, £1.40, DF: £1.90, CSF: £4.60.

4.35; 1. GILPA VALII (A Butes) 13-8 fav; 2. Felf of Fire ?-4; 3. Matt Reld 9-1. 4 ran. 1, 27. Oks J Pitnan). Tota: £2.40, DF; £2.10. CSF: £5.07. 5.10; 1. JAUNTY JUNE (R Bellarny) 25-1; 2. All On 6-4 fav; 3. Quinag ?-4. 6 ran. 3½, 7. (B Eckley). Tota: £24,20; £2.90, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £33.50. CSF: £66.13. Placepot: £11.90. Quadpot: £8.90. Place &: £10.82. Place &: £4.35.

WETHERBY

WE I PREPRINT
2.15: 1. WELSH MRL (P Nven) 2-1; 2.
Transday Night 10-1: 3. Solomon's Dancer
Evens fav. 11 ran. 9. - 4c. (Mrs M Reveley).
Totac E3.10; £1.10, £1.70, £1.20, DF: £7.80. CSF: £23.82. SF: £23,82.
2.45: 1 EARLYMORNING LIGHT (8 Hard-g) 4-1; 2. Aljadeer 5-4 fav. 2. Rebiel King -1. 6 nm. Hd. 2½: (6 Richards). Totae £5,30; 2.20, £1.80. DF: £6,30. CSF: £9,72. NR: Languistich. Mag.

Moneughty Men.
3.15: 1. DENTICULATA (P Waggott) 3.15: 1. DENTICULATA (P. Waggott)
14-1: 2. Don't Tell Judy 11-1: 2. Rus Ros
14-1: 4. D'Arbiey Street 5-1; if av. 21 ras.
5-1; if av. Monan, 9. 4. P. Spotthewood). Totar
E30.30: £8.00. £2.80. £2.80. £2.50. DF.
£82.80. CSF: £188.42. Tricast: £2.111.81.
NR. Arlam, Sierra Madrona, Theydon Pride.
3.45: 1. TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE (L. Wart
2-1 lav; 2. Alf's Albid 3-1; 3. Wind Force
12-1. 7 ran. 21/2. 18. (T. Essterby). Totar
£2.90: £1.80. £1.90. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.83.

TODAY S FIXTURES Football

(7.45 unless stated

Loicester City v West Br

Brigiton v Barniey

Notts County v Bristol Rovers

Shrensbury v Chesterfield (7.30)

THEO DIVISION
Scarborough v Bury (7.30)
BBLT'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
Partick v Aberdeen (7.30)
SMERNOFF BRSH LEAGUE Premier Division:
Crusaters v Bengor 13.0); Edward Crusaters v Bengor 13.0; Edward (7.30).
First Division: Carrick v Lame 13.0),
LEAGUE OF WALES: Her Carrick v. Date 1.00

LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Briton Fer-ry (7.30). FA YOUTH CUP Semi-final first leg: West Ham v Wirnbledon (7,0)

£9.20. CSF: £25.31. 3.00: 1. TORYS GIFT (O Burrows) 6-4 fav;

4.00: 1. SPINNING STEEL (S BUTCUST) 4-5 lav; 2. Brening Rain 8-1; 3. Young Snut-fit 9-4. 4 ran. 5, 25. (P Rodford). Toba: £2.20. DF: £5.80. CSF: £5.75.

2.4 St. 2. All's Albit 3-1; 3. What Force
12-1. 7 ran. 2½, 18. († Easterby). Totae
12-2. 7 ran. 2½, 18. († Easterby). Totae
12-3. († Park 24. 18. († Easterby). Totae
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INTERLINK EXPRESS MEDIAND POOTBALL ALLIANCE: West Midlands Police v Sandwell Borough.

Borough.

PONTINS LEAGUE First Division: Derby v
Brivingham (7.0): Leeds v Wolverheinston
(7.0): Lises v Wolverheinston
(7.0): Lises v Wolverheinston
(7.0): Sesond Division: Griffingham Forest (7.0): Sesond Division: Griffinghy v Rotherham (7.0): Mensiled (\*\*)
v Covenby (7.0): Sunderland v Hull (7.0).

AVON MISURANCE COMBINATION First Division: Arsensi v Notwich (3.0): Christian Williams

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4.45: 1. HIGHBANK (Mr M H Naughton) 2-1 fav. 2. Lowereatha 33-1; 3. Toojay-N'aitch 6-1, 14 ran. 2, 3. (Mrs M Revoley). Waitch 6-1. 14 ran. 2, 3. (Mrs M Reveley). Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £14.20, £2.20. DF. £264.50, CSF: £66.61, Tricast: £461.67. Piacepet: £21.80. Quadpot: £20.80. Piace 6: £17.60, Piace 5: £14.30.

WINCANTON 2.00: 1. BYSART (O BUTONE) 6-1; 2. Dream Nere 7-2 S. Bonita Binkepey 33-1. 6 ran. 4-5 lav Easy Breazy (4th). 5, 8.

(M Pipe), Tota: £4.80; £2.10, £2.20, DF: 2.30: 1. GENERAL CRACK (A P MCCO)/ 11-10 fay; 2. Tournin Prince 33-1; 3. Lyme Gold 13-8. 7 ran. 10, 20. (P Microlis). Total £2.40: £1.80, £5.60. DF: £47.70. CSF:

Z. Sovern Gale 10-1: 3. Tony's Mist 11-1. T ren. 242, 6. (M Pipel. Totas £2,40; £1,60, £3,40, DF; £12,70, CSF; £15,97. 23.40. Dr. £1.2.70. CSF: £15.97.
3.30: 1. BLASNET HERO (A P MCCOV)
13-8; 2. Quiet Dawn 6-4 tev; 3. Coeur Battant 26-1. 5 ran. 3, 12. (Mrs. S WBlams).
Tota: £2.90; £1.40, £1.70. Dr. £3.20. CSF:
£4.80

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BEAZER HOWES LEAGUE Southern Division:
Forest Green Rovers v Cinderford Town.
UNIVER SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Horshen YACA v Mile Oak: Oaksood v Timee Bridges; Pagisan v Portifield.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First Division: Eastwood Harriey v Kidagrove Athletic.
JEWSON LEAGUE Pressier Division: Cornell Uts v Tippree Uts.

AVON MISURIANCE COMERNATION FIRST DI-visione Arsenal v Norwich (3.0); Charlion v Mil-noti (2.0); OPR v Crystal Polace (7.0), Second Divisione Cardiff v Newport AFC (7.30).

Rugby League

# Gale has too much puff for Jodami

GREG WOOD

Weight or age will eventually stop any horse, and it was a mixture of the two which reached out to grab Jodami, the 1993 Gold Cup winner, oo the run to the last in yesterday's Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse. Oo the turn for home, Peter Beaumont's chaser seemed sure to emulate Desert Orchid by adding the feature race of Easter to his success at Cheltenham, but the energy drained from him with barely a furlong to run and it was Feathered Gale, under 10 stooe, who galloped past to give Arthur Moore his first Irish National as a trainer.

It looked a most unlikely outcome with three fences to anp, with the British raiders Cool Dawn and Jodami still oo the hit, Go Go Gallant marginally less so, and Feathered Gale being positively rowed along by Francis Woods. While Feathered Gale lacks a serious turn of foot, however, he does not stop either, and after he had jumped past Jodami at the final fence, victory

was a formality. Those who had backed him were rewarded at 8-1, but there was more disappointment than delight on the terraces as Jodami, eight leogths further back, had been supported down to 5-1 favourite on the day, Cool Dawn, at 15-2, was third, with Go Go Gallant and Charlie

Swan fourth at 7-1. Arthur Moore, who has won most of the races which matter several times over, took great delight in saddling his first Irish National winner, having taken the race as a jockey on King's Sprite in 1971, "It has always been my ambition to train the winner of this race, like my late father, Dan," Moore said.

WETHERBY

2.20 Pebble Beach 2,50 Newlands-General

3.20 ERZADJAN (nap)

3.50 Beaurepaire

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HYPERION

GOING: Good.

Left-hand oval circuit, Rum-in of 200yds slightly uphill.

Racecourse, is north-east of town on 81224 near Juneson of A58 and A1. ADMISCOMM. Plab \$12 (accompanied under 16s free); Tattersalls \$7; Course \$2 (cant, including

III LEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: Mrs M Reveley - 44 winners from 160 nunners at a ratio of 27.5% giving a return to a \$1 level stake of \$17.16 M H Basterby = 23 winners, 140 runners, 20.7%, \$2.65; G Richards = 26 winners, 123 runners, 20.3 \$27.20; J G FinsGerald = 18 winners, 106 runners, 17.3%, \$11.26; M Hammond = 17 winners, 140 runners, 12.1%, \$56.05; M Winners, 14 winners, 14.4%, \$44.94.

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LEADING JOCKETS: P Nives - 43 winners, 169 rides, 25.4%, -\$4.41; L Wyer - 40 winners, 165 rides, 24.2%, -\$18.57; A Magaire - 20 winners, 77 rides, 26%, -\$55.05; M Dwyer - 19 winners, 169 rides, 11.2%, -\$102.08; A Dobbin - 11 winners, 77 rides, 14.5%, -\$19.2%; G McCourt - 9 winners, 64 rides, 14.1%, -\$23.67.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-OISTANCE RUNNERS: Beaurepaire (3.50) sent 256 miles from E Alner's Droop

2.20 RACING CHANNEL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) (DIV I) £3,250 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,705

PERBILE BEACH should be at decent odds and could surprise with the stable in much batter form of late. His form is nothing great, but he wearnt stopping when third to Blaze Away at Doncaster last time, and this ex-bumper horse can finally come good in a trappy starter. Dawns Missilon ran a shocker in Star Rage's handicap at Cartisle last time. This is his ground and the runs the course well - he made a wanning debut here and was a good second to stablemate Shrang Edge next time - but he still has to prove he stays. Potter's Bay will be pleased to see the back of the testing ground and can be given every crance on his good second to Three Prolosophers at Haydock. Desert Fighter's course wen was gained from Simply Deshing on tast ground in October. His latest start was on the First of Catterick a formight ago and he does escape one pensity - his Catterick will be provided the does escape one pensity - his Catterick will be showed intended the companies of the provided the start of the start of

2.50 CROSSLEY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m Penalty Value £3,574

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Feathered Gale has had a light season and I see no reason why we will not go for the Whitbread [oo 27 April]." Jodami is also a possible runner

in the season's last major chase. In Britain, the imminence of summer was underlined when Henry Cecil seot out his first winner of the Flat campaign. Despite the loss of Sheikh Mohammed's string, Cecil remains one of the major forces on the Flat, and he started a vital period - Bosra Sham, the 1,000 Guineas favourite, runs at Newhury on Friday week - in convincing fashion. Despite a drift

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Pebble Beach (Wetherby 2.20) NB: Frankly Fran (Southwell 3.00)

in the market from 7-2 to 6-1, Magnificeot Style routed her field in the opening maiden, apparently to the surprise of her trainer. "I didn't really fancy her much today, I thought she'd get a place at best," Cecil said.

Ray Cochrane must have felt much the same in two of yesterday's most valuable events. hut in both the Quail Stakes and the Rosebery Handicap he arrived at the last possible moment to seize victory, at combined odds of over 70-1.

Hard To Figure, who at 10 years of age is just a season younger than Jodami, demonstrated that he has at least one more good campaign in him by beating Easy Dollar in the Quail Stakes, and given the grey's considerable popularity, the only real surprise was that he was allowed to start at 11-2. "He's a bit of a freak, and his full brother is totally useless," Ron Hodges, his trainer, said,



"but I wish I had a few more like him. He even had an operation

to remove fungus from his hrain last year hut it hasn't affected

Rosebery was Hazard A Guess, who hit the front just when a second successive victory in the race for Special Dawn, a 7-1 joint-favourite, seemed inevitable. "Ray gave him a great ride, but I certainly didn't ask him to leave it that late," David Nicholls, the winning trainer, said. "The owner is oot here, he rang me this morning to say he'd had one too many glasses of red wine last night so he's watching it in front of the television." As hangover cures go, it surely beats Alka-Seltzer.

#### **Toogood for** Timeform pair

Cochrane's mount io the The Tim Easterby-trained Toogood To Be True, owned by the Timeform directors Reg Griffin and Jim McGrath, gained some compensation for missing the Grand National with an infected hock when winning the featured Wetherby Handicap Chase at the West Yorkshire track yesterday.

"We've now had 21 wins from our last three horses with the Easterbys," Griffin said, "12 from this one, six from Beneficiary and three from Instantaneous." The winner may oow go for the Scottish National.

## 3.50 WETHERBY NATIONAL' NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £9,800 added 3m 5f Penalty Value £7,168

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1	23-1313	CELTIC TOWN (36) (8F) (Lady Helen Smith) O Shewood 8 11 7 A McCartby
2	143122	BEAUREPAIRE (19) (BF) (Pel-meil Parmers) R Ainer 8 11 6
3	137138	THE BUD CLUB (24) (The Bue Chip Group) K Balley 8 11 3W McFarland
4	322114	ALY DALEY (27) (Michael Tobar) J Howard Johnson 8 10 2Mr C Bonney (3)
5		BENGHAZI (18) (A M Thomson) A Thomson 12 10 0
6	503202	COOL WEATHER (8) (P McDonagh) P Cheestrough 8 100R Supple
7		HOWCLEUCH [8] (The Howcleuch Partnership) J Ower 9 10 0 (4ex)B Storey
3	430505	AYLESBURY LAD (29) (Exirs of the late Mr R R Lamb) O Lamb 7 10 0

such, 7-2 My Daley, 4-1 Cool Weather, 6-1 Cettic Tor 8-1 The Bud Club, 12-1 of 1995: Snook Point 8 10 2 Mr A Manners 10-1 ID A Lamb) 7 ran

FORM GUIDE HOWCLEUCH won at Nelso last week with Ken Oliver stating afterwards that the mare would do better on softer ground. The ground was be similarly fast today, but she's worth sticking with over this stayers' trip off a feather weight, it was a gutsy wan at Kelso from Cool Weather, who was beaten half-length after blundering at the third last. Howeleuch needs to Improve again to best Cool Weather on the 5th worse terms, but her earlier showing against Parson's Boy at Newcastia (Cool Weather taled off in the soft) was the signal that she was an the upgrade. Aly Daley has finished fourth in the Chetenham four-miler for the past two years. Beaten a long way by Lowing Around last month, Aly Daley has improved the term, he stays forever and runs in blinkers for the first time. Robert Ainer has a rare numer on the course and Beastrepaths is a consistent stayer with good efforts since his Fortwell and Warninck wins. But can he concede the weight on ground that may prove a shade too fast for him? Celtic Town his his ground and his latest defeat at Windsor can be grored. He can set himself cubineed during a race and to ever the weight away all round will be a He can get himself outpeced during a race and to give the weight away all round will be a top effort. Back in January at Notungham The Bud Club gave a stone and beating to Beau-repaire yet now gets 3th from this rival. With the ground night, The Bud Club is bound to

added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,705	repaire yet now gets 3th from this rival. With the ground right, The Bud Club is bound to take a hand.  Selection: HOWCLEUCH
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5 66-3003 PERRIE BEACH (38) (The Pebble Beach Partnershop & Moore 6 11.0 Jahlaghan 6 3-P3425 POTTERTS SHY (46) (Mist J Fourier) O Nicholson 7 11.0 Jahranson (3) OOO ROWDY YATES (14) (Rivan Rotined) 8 Rotined 6 11.0 Jacked Geast	4 COPPER TRISTLE (SSB) (M G Sneppardt Mrs M Sneppard 8 11 12Mr P Talano (7) 2 OVP215 - COT LANE (\$23) () W Watersley J Welmsky 11 11 12 Mir R Walkersley (7)
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10 123020 DAWN MISSION (29) (C) (Mrs. Jennier E Palisten)   Escherby 4 10 13	DURBHAN HORRET DAYS / Homen Miss S Homer 9 11 12 hr M Sovensby (7) MCCARTNEY (1557) (Alies S Goodhand) R Green 10 11 12 hr K Green (7)
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FORM GUIDE The Major General is over a longer inplatter his win from True Steel in the Dick McCreer Chase at Sandown (2m4f). True Steel was caught only on the run-in by Norman Conquerd in the Royal Artillery Gold Cup next time, and The Major General had earlier run with ored

In the Royal Artiflery Gold Cup next time, and The Major Genesia near senior run with accu-it against Clare Man at Haydock. But preference is for COPPER THISTLE, who was unlucky over regulation fences at Fakenham a year ago after a successful point-to-point record. And he looks just as good this season with two wins after running the decent Colonial Kelly to three lengths at Hosphesath. Durbame Homet was improved in points last season and, though a shade disapporting in two starts last month, improvement is histly on this more suitable surface, while better things are likely from Jamilia.

Selection: COPPER THISTLE 4.50 BILTON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m Penaity Value £2,880

1	1-31503	DOMM THE FELL (11) (CD) (J Howard Johnson) J Howard Johnson 7 12 0Mr C Souner (3)
2	4-00434	COOL LINE (18) (CD) (BP) (B Saley) G Moore 7 11 7 Cathaghan
3	6-130F6	FAIR AND FANCY (FE) (29) (D) (FAF Partnership) Miss M Milligan 5 11 8 Richard Braest
4	653310	SHANDIG EDGE (22) (CD) (G Graham) T Easterby 4 10 13
5	321F11	CENTAUR EXPRESS (18) (D) (Centaur Racing) A Streeter 4 10 12
6	252-210	SHREND JOHN (32) (D) R O E Woodhouse R Woodhouse 10 10 1
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BETTING: 2-1 Contact Express, 5-2 Shining Edge, 7-2 Cool Lake, 4-1 Down The Fell, 16-1 Shrowd John, 33-1 Fair And Fancy 1995: Lattle Browley 8 10 10 Mr A Manners 5-1 (A Eduank) 10 ran

FORM GUIDE FORM GUEDE

Cool Lake showed signs of a form review when that to Mester Hyde at Ayr (2m4f), but disappointed at Reiso (2m2f) when fourth to Coopi Lake. Whether this two miles is still his trip is hard to fethom. Dawn the Fell ran a corker when that so Outset and Sohrab at Ainbee (2m4f), but he has a changed nder today and was previously tailed off at Sedgefield when Shining Edge was third to Once More For Luck. Shring Edge will like this ground after being in a strong race at Newcastle, but CENTAUR EXPRESS is weighted to follow up his game Newbury with from Hamilton Sitt. The ground was testing there, but Centaur Express has some pace and at even better on this surface.

Selection: CENTAUR EXPRESS

#### 5.20 RACING CHANNEL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) (DIV II) £3,250

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- 13 declared RECTING: 5-2 Ralifsa; Paravalos, 11-4 High Leade, 7-2 Detroit Davy, 25-1 Smart Approach, Element of Risk, 33-1 Leap in The Dark, 40-1 others

FORM GLIDE

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FORM G tolk Dury should trouble mag of these on his hundles debut such the trip to surt. A disappointing favourise when fourth to Wise King at Uttowater, Detroit Davy had locked off with a promising fourth to Ever Blessed at Ascot with Ambee bumper winner Burn Out in second. Smart Approach could be at decent odds with Gary Calvel taking over from Pater Nivon. She was out quickly for her hordies debut on this course after a bumper run four days confer and shaped well in star, strong race won by Miss Optimist. Purevisible has had two tough races in hendicage since writing with ease at Haydock and this ground might prove Too fast for him. He Gil bezer than RALITSA when then to Executive Design at Newcastle less time, shough Ralitsa has besten Crystal Gift at Kelso since and is The bester off with Puressive today. The facult running High Leade looks catchebe once more and the remander

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#### UTTOXETER HYPERION 2.10 Authorship 2.40 Plinth 3.10 Merlin's Lad 3.40 Golden Hello 4.10 Larry's Lord 4.40 Kur-

distan 5.10 Vitaman GOING Good to Firm (Good in places).

Left-hand course. Rum-in of 170yd.

Course is SE of town near B6017. Unioxeter station (Derby-Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club \$15 (OAPs £)3];
Tattersolls \$10 (OAPs £7); Course \$3, GAR PARK; Free,

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Up The Junction (3.40) has been sent 221 miles by Mrs N Duffield from Azmyouth, Devon.		
2.10 CENTRAL TELECOM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 2m 4f 1,10 yds	1 2/54-2: 2 2:113: 3 3-4F1	
1 2212-PP SARSTA GRAI (24) (D) P Wagnam 8 11 10		
3 P0600P RUSTINO (15) S Clark 10 11 7	4 UU14 5 F131	
5 204-P05 PERFE BUOU (8) R Stropenon 5 11 3	BETTING: 7	
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11 52044P ALWAYS ALEX (117) J Allen 9 10 12	7470	
12 05-3545 BEECHTELD FLYER (21) W Ctay 5 10 12	1 04 2 0400	
14 5F5063 CROMABOO CROWN (24) P Bevan 5 10 11 W Worlthington	3 00	

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1		YER 1MBLE (137) J Cresswell 5 11 10	
2		ERRNY (11) (0) J Queen 7 117	
3		MAJANDON (18) W Clay 5 11 6	
4		WAYFARERS WAY (33) N Henderson 5 11 8	
5	3-14050	EXCLUSION (96) (D) J Hetheron 7 11 6	R Mark
6		DUBELLE (29) 1 King 6 11 4	
7		LETS BE FRANK (28) C Esey 5 11 3	
3		LAWFUL LOVE (17) T Donnelly 6 11 3	
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5	10P3	SHEEKKY (10) (D) 8 McManon 5 10 7	B Robertso
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1 Plinth, Coast Along, 7-1 Lawful Love, 6-1 others 3.10 WELLMAN PLC NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 5f

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Ŀ	3.40	DOUGLAS CONCRETE HANDICAP HURDLI (CLASS B) £7,000 added 2m		
1	001200	GOLDEN HELLO (11) (D) T Easterby 5 11 10 L Wyo		
2	OP0202	DREAMS END (G) (D) P Bowen 8 11 8A P McCo		
3	112-116	BURES (157) (D) M 7 omplets 5 11 1 D Bridgmets		
4	11-2321	IVY EDITH (29) T Mals 6 10 11		
5	234301	HOLY WANDERER (20) (D) T George 7 10 8 G Hoggen (3		
6	4-11444	NADJATI (157) (D) O Candolio 7 10 8 Sophie Mitchell (5		
7	141135	WAMDHA (38) (D) K Morgan 6 10 2A 6 Smith		
8	01-1040	UP THE JUNCTION (38) (D) Mrs N Durfeld 6 10 0		
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[	4.10	HOUGHTON VALIGHAN HANDICAP CHAS (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 5f
1	2/54-254	ELFAST (27) (C) P Webber 13 11 10 R Bellau
2	2113P6	JAMES PIGG (12) (D) M Pipe 9 11 10
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Ľ	1,40	JENKINSONS CATERERS MAIDEN HURDLI (CLASS E) (DIV I) £2,500 added 2m
1	0-0P	ABOUAN (12) R Alsop 5 11 8 D Leah
2		ALTHREY ARISTOCRAT (34) F Lloyd 8 11 8 S McNet
3	006	BOLD JOKER (25) G Oldroyd 5 11 6
4	4	COUNTRY STAR (7) C Brooks 5 11 6
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7	5	IRISH WILDCARD (18) H Ower 8 11 6 V Statter
3		KURDISTAN MES H Knight 6 11 6
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10	6	PRUSSIA (18) W Clay 5 11 8
11		ROLFE (32) O Nicholson 8 11 8
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2	00/0-00P	BLACK STAG (20) M Williamson 7 11 6
3		EL FREDORE (38) J Old 8 11 8
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8		NESCAF C Mann 6 11 6A P McCoy
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8	000000	SELVER SUMAL (38) H Oliver 7 11 8 Jacquel Oliver
9		SMART ACT (B2) I Brown 7 11 6Mr A Brown
10		VITAMAN (18) Mrs J Perran 7 11 6
11		GREENACRES STAR (17) W Clay 6 11 1
12		LARKS TAIL (24) P Webber 8 11 1 8 Bellasny
13		WOODLANDS ENERGY (20) P Preshard 5 11 1
14		GROOMS GOLD (40) P Hoths 4 11 0
15		CRAMHELLA (11) G Kelly 4 10 9
16	0	WALK IN THE WILD (3.15) A Bailey 4 10 9T Kent

- 16 declared 
DETING: 9-4 El Freddie, 5-2 Past Master, 7-2 Crambella, 8-1 Free Tyson,

12-1 Nesseri, 16-1 Meriest Maytem, 20-1 Grooms Gold, 40-1 others

#### SOUTHWELL

2.00 Swordking 2.30 Jaraab 3.00 Frankly Fran 3.30 Domoor 4.00 Amoeba 4.30 Elton Ledger GOING: Standard, DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f.

Fibresand surface; left-hand sharp, oval course, and five miles south-east of town and five miles west of howark at Rolleston Rolleston Interior railway station adjoins the course. ADMISSION: Club 212; Tantersalts 56 (OAP acceptable of courses.)

members of course's Diamond Club 54, accompanied und free). CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Foliat (4.30) won at Wolverhampton last Toesday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNEES: Aye Ready (4.00), Strathtoe Dream (4.30) & Senday Mail Too (4.30) sent 284 miles from Miss L Perrati's

	2.00	STARLING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 6f
1	156123	TEMPERING (22) (C) 0 Chapmen 10 9 10 G Faulierer 4
2	050-414	SHARP GAZELLE (67) (C) 8 Smart 694M. Scenple (4) 6
3	6000-6	PARK REDGE (10) T Miles 4 89
4	3-12344	GREEK NIGHT OUT (13) (C) JL Eyre 588 D Sweeney (4) 6
5		RECORD LOVER (53) (C) M Chapman 88 6. R Ffrench (4) 3
6		SWORDKING (24) (D) J L Harts 7 8 3
7		ARECEBO (FR) (10) ) Paties 4 7 10
8	50000-0	CHARMED LIFE (14) Mrs. A King 7 7 10
_		- 9 declared -

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weights: Arecibo 7st 7lb, Charme ure (s. 44). BETRING: 9-4 Greek Night Out, 6-1 Swordking, 7-2 Tempering, 4-1 Stump Gazelle, 12-1 Park Ridge, Record Lover, 25-1 others 2.30 SWAN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)

BETTING: 6-4 Heathyards Rock, 7-4 Jaranh, 4-1 Eulogy, 8-1 Gracum, 16-1 Baher, 50-1 Le Yemershe, 66-1 Bobby Blue

3.00 HERON MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 3f 45400- ZIDAC (175) P Malon 4 10 0 .... 

— 12 declared —

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SETTING: 6-4 Fraudy Fran, 4-1 Carol Again, 6-1 Welcome Lin, 8-1 Park-Bit, Zidac, 10-1 Maufical Jewel, 18-1 Paronomasia, 20-1 others - 12 decizred -

## 3.30 PEACOCK HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 7f 221622 DOMOOR (11) (D) (SF) M Johnson 9 7 J Weaver 2 1400 TROPICAL BEACH (168) J Berry 9 6 PRoberts (5) 8 500 HANK-A CHET (189) 8 Smort 9 6 R Cockware 2

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12 4000-0 AUTOFVR (6) J Walmanigh 7 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

— 12 declared —
Allahum weight: 7st 10th Autofy 7 fs 9th
BETTING 3-1 Domoor, 4-1 Seeking Destiny, 9-2 Elipe
8-1 Down The Yard, 10-1 Hankaley HBI, 14-1 others stley, 9-2 Effectio, 7-1 Scenical

LA GOL JAY SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000

4	1.00	added 3YO 6f
1		NETECHAL RAIDER (13) (D) J A Harris 9 2
2	020251	THE FRISKY FARMER (12) (D) W G M Turner 9.2 A Clark 15
3	26036-1	AMOEBA (8) (CD) J Berry 8 11P Feecey (5) 14
4	33120-4	APRIL'S JOY (13) J Norton & 11 Dale Gibson 10
5	0-0	AYE READY (1A) Mass L Penag 8 11G Duffield S
8	3534-45	BORN A LADY (62) (C) S Bowrng 8 11 C Tondoo (5) 1
7	00-	FORECAST (220) J Wharton 8 11
8	6	GOLBORNE LAD (7) J Baking 8 11 J Edmunds (7) 18
9	16-0060	MONICEY ZANTY (7) (D) J L Harris 8 11S Senders 3
10	450-055	SHANOORA (17) (C) Mrs N Macauley 8 11
		Amanda Sanders (5) 11
11	4320-04	SHARP MONTY (12) (BF) R Holinshead 8 11
12	0	SHARVIC (17) Mas M Militan 8 11
13		THORNTOWN JEWEL (192) (D) J Balone 8 11 N Adams 6
14		WCA BERD (175) 8 McMahon 8 5 1 Newton (5) 2
25	0	RAGITALE COWGRIL (14) C Thomion 8 6 Deen McKeorto 7
	-	- 15 declared -
BE	TING: 5-2	Amoebe, 4-1 Niteral Reider, 5-1 The Frisky Parmer, 7-1
		y, 8-1 Sharp Monty, Born A Lady, April's Joy, 18-1 others

4.30 PUFFIN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f 030411 ELTON LEDGER (8) (CD) Mts N Macauley 7 10 7 (7eg ...) Take 11. 222341 AMESOME VENTURE (8) (C) M Chapman 6 10 8 (7eg) 3 21030-0 PERFECT BRAVE (25) (D) J Baking 5 9 11 .... 8-41244 SWEET MATE (25) (CD) 5 Bourng 4 9 11... C Teague (5) 12 165310 BOLD ARSTOCRAT (22) (CD) R Holinsheat 5 9 5...... 6000-52 SOUND THE TRUMPET (20) R Socer 495 0000-11 FOIST (7) (CD) M W Easterby 4 8 12 (7ex) \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Quizon 8 13 005600- SURDAY MAR. TOO (187) Mas I. Peratt 4 7 12... Framing 2
14 000000- STRATHORE DREAM (187) Mas I. Peratt 5 7 11

Minimum weight, 7st 10th, True hand cap weight, Rankasse 7st 9th. BETTING 7-2 Point, 5-1 Efton Ledger, 6-1 Amesonne Venture, Perfect Brave 8-1 Sweet Male, Sound The Trumpet, Tilly Owl. 12-1 others

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– 15 declared –

#### KEMPTON

1.40: 1. MAGNIFICENT STYLE (W Ryan) 6-1; 2. Migerer 20-1; 3. Arshem 13-2, 15 rep. 11-10 fav Private Song. 6, nk. (H Cecil, Newmenket). Totac £7.20: £2.40, £3.40, £1.80. DF: £68.90. CSF; £110.21. Tno:

£70.90. 2\_10: 1\_REGAL ARCHIVE (I Reid) 9-4 fav. 2. Starte Of Caurtion 7-1; 3. Zygo 16-1 17 ran. 1¼, 1¼, (P Chappie-Hyam, Mennon). Tota: £3.00; £1.90, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £15.90. CSF: £18.19. Tno: £222.90.

2.40: 1. SAMRAN (W Carson) 8-1; 2. Clerkenwell 6-1; 3. Berealce 14-1, 14 ran. 5-1 fav River Ceptain, 1½, 2-½. (J Dunlop, Arundel), Tota: E.8-90; £2.80, £2.60, £6.50. DF: £22-10. CSF: £57-47. Tite: £585.60. 3.10: 1. HARD TO FIGURE (R Cochane) 11-2; 2. Easy Dollar 5-1; 3. The Puzzler 11-4 fav. 6 ren. Hd, 1½.. (R Hodges, Somerton). Tota: £6.90; £2.30, £2.10. DF: £14.50. CSF:

£27,61. 3.40: 1, HAZARD A GUESS (R Cochrane)

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£61.90. 2.55: 1. MARATHON MAID (A Culture) 2.55: 1. MARKITON MAD JA CLIMBIO; 16-1; 2. Top Of The Wind 10-1; 3. Antonia's Choice 13-8 fav. 6 ran. 114, 134. (R Fahey, Maironi. Tote: £40,90; £5,20, £2,70, £1,50. 0F: £101\_80. CSF: £161\_81. After 8 stewards' inquiry, placings unaltered. 3.25; 1. DANCE OF JOY (A Colstan) 33-

3.25; 1. DANCE OF JOY (A Cogani 33-12. No Submission 6-1; 3. Langtonian 20-1; 4. Share-oftheaetion 33-1, 16 ran. 7-2 µ tass Bellard Lady (5th), 5ef Expression). ½, 4. U Carr, Malton). Toto: £53.10; £8.40, £1.80, £3.70, £9.90. DF: £312.10. CSF:

£1.80, £3.70, £9.90, DF: £312.10, CSF: £28.28, 7noest: £5.097.22. Tro: £270.30. NR: 7o Prova A Pornt. After a stewards inquity, placings unaffered.

3.55: 1 KURA (N Variey) 13-2; 2. Plann Brist B-1; 3. La Sequet 20-1: 4. Capitalin Corat B-1: 19 rain. 4-1 fov Soffed. 94, 2. U. L. Eyre, Thirsk). Tote: £9.70; £1.80, £2.30, £6.90, £2.30. DF: £33.20. CSF: £63.62. Tricast: £648.33, 7ro: £196.50.

4.25: 1. ATHERIRY (G Bardwell) 1-2 fav. 2. Disasfeowed 3-1; 3. Phar Closer 33-1. 5 rain. 10, 25. U Pearce, Newmarket). Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.75.

4.55: 1. MASTER CHARTER (K Fallon) 6-1; 2. Barrel Of Hope 14-1; 3. Sagebrush Roller 8-1; 4. High Premium 6-1, 20 ran, 5-1 fav Scareben, 34:, 1. (Mrs.) Remsden, 1mrski. Tote: £8.10; £1.80, £2.70, £3.10, £2.70. DF: £64.30, CSF: £94.19. Titcset: £657.11. Troc £225.70.
Placepot: £108.30. Quadpot: £24.50.
Place 6: £424.21. Place 5: £156.55.
NOTTINGHAM
2.20: 1. FOULY FOUT FRED (S Droune) 8-1: 2. Dancing Star 9-1: 3. Chilled Wine

8-1; 2. Dancing Star 9-1; 3. Chilled Wine 33-1, 8 ran. 7-4 fav | Can'i Remember (5th). 1. 194. |B R Millmanl. 7 ote: £12.40; £1.90, £1.90, £3.90, DF: £80,40, CSF: £72.36, Trot

£1.90, £3.90, Det £80,40, CSrt £72.30, nor £64.00, NR: Tinker's Surpnse, After a stew-ards' Inquery, placings unaffered. 2.50: 1. FOND EMBRACE (I Westert 11-2; 2. Pride Of Briston evens for; 3. Wands The Fire 7-2, 11 ran. ½, 1½, fit Candy. Tota: £5.80; £1.30, £1.10, £2.50, DF: £4.90, CSF: £13.72, Tno; £10.10, NRs: Play The Tune, Section of Sport.

Turie, Spirit Of Sport. 3.20: 1. DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (G Duffield)

1; 4. Mostin't Grumble 10-1, 17 ran. 4, hd. IP Felgate). Tote: £5.30; £1.40, £1.60, £3.10, £2.70, DF: £25.90, CSF: £32.74, 7n-3.50: 1. GENERAL MACARTHUR IG

6-1. 12 ran. 9-4 fav No Cliches, Nk, 144, (J Dunlon), Toter £9.30; £2.70, £1.80, £2.00, DP: £36.60. CSF: £65.06. Tricast: £305.64. Trio: £105.30. 4.20: 1. SIEGE PERILOUS (A Whelan) 4-

1; 2. Dancing Cavaliar 3-1; 3. Influence Pedier 11-1. 10 ran. 5-2 lav Balios. 12/4 5.15 Williams). Tote: £1.70; £1.90, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £15.70, CSF: £43.53. Incast: £129.31.7no: £83.30. After a stewards' inquiry, Adamic Mist, who finished second, was

query, Attenue mass, who misses second, was desqualified and placed last. 4.50: 1. WINSTON IS Drownel 25-1; 2. Cortse 16-1: 3. Whispering Dann 7-2 fay; 4. Front Sharm 15-2. 19 ran. ½, At. U 8ethell). Tote: £46.80; £6.30, £6.00. £1.40, £2.50. DF: £244.90. CSF: £417.08. Tricast: £1,670.13. 7 no: Not won. NR: Brig-angue.

Placepot: £809.90. Quedpot: £42.60. Place 6: £831.08. Place 5: £87.08. WARWICK

2.35: 1. CONNEMARA U Stack) 7-4 (av. 2. Welt For Rosse 7-2: 3. Hello Dolly 15-2. 10 ran. 6, 3. (C Dwyer). Tota: £4.40: £1.80. £1.80. £1.50. DF: £10.60. CSF: E9.12. Trio: £20.90, 3.05: 1. DRIULINGEL (A Date) 20-1: 2. Uoni.

4-1; 3. Tinhara 4-1; 12 ran. 11-10 fav Shy5: Dancer. 7, 24-2. 10 Marks). Tota: £23.20; £4.60, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £45.90. CSF: £106.87. Tincs: £378.64. Tno: £57.90. 3.35; 1. HAND OF STRAW (N Adams) 10-1; 2. Denomination 16-1; 3. Locorotondo 10-1. 12 ran. 3-1 fav Domeppel. 4; hd. (P Murphy). Tote: £13.70; £3.60, £3.30,

10-1. 12 ran. - 1-130 orneppel. 4-, no. (P Murphy). Tota: £13.70; £3.60, £3.30, £3.20. DF: £924.50, CSF: £147.93, 7ncast: £1.510.89. Tnc: Not won. 4.05: 1. BELLE'S BOY (I Sprake) evens tav, 2. Four Weddings 11-4; 3. Shamand 12-1.7 ran. 6, 2½. (B Pelling). Tota: £2.30; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £2.80, CSF: £4.63, 4.35: 1. WETTON ADRESMAI (P. Burbes). £1.60, £2.00, DF: £2.80, CSF: £4.63, 4.35: 1. WELTON ARSENAL (R Hughes) 5-1; 2. Pengamon 7-1; 3. Decorated Hero 3-1, 8 ran. evens fav Hoh Mago (50h), Nk, 3. IM Charmon). Totte: £7.40; £1.50, £1.70, £1.50, DF: £21.60, CSF: £38.81, 5.05: 1. CANOVAS HEART (A Day) 9-1; 2. Chedwell Hall 9-1; 3. Petraco 33-1; 4. Secret Miss 33-1; 20 ran. 11-2 fav Licc. ½, 2. (80b Jones). Totte: £10.40; £2.80, £2.00, £13.20, £21.80, DF: £65.60, CSF: £88.23, 7ncast: £2.215.37, Tno: Not won.

588.23, 7ncast: £2.215.37. Tno: Not wor Place 6: £391.96. Place 5: £258.85.

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FOOTBALL Liverpool bounce back and Middlesbrough leave it late while the battle to avoid relegation closes up dramatically (

# Collymore sings song for Europe

PHIL SHAW

Liverpool West ham Unite

The last time West Ham won at Anfield, 33 years ago, "You'll Never Walk Alone" was still a sugary confection on the London stage rather than a hymn to Scouse solidarity. It was the same old song yesterday once Sian Collymore had forced them to face the music.

The £8.5m British record signing scored once, midway through a soporific first half, and created the clinching goal for John Barnes shortly before halftime. Realistically, Collymore's contribution came too late to revive Liverpool's championship hopes, but victory keeps them on course for third place in the Premiership and a return to Europe.

It was as well that Collymore was calling the tune, for an under-strength Liverpool looked leg-weary in their fourth game in nine days. West Ham, despite the luxury of not being embroiled in the relegation dog fight, showed few ideas as to how to end a long run of capitulations before the Kop.

They have now lost on 19 of their 26 matches at Liverpool since a young Bothy Moore helped them To both points in September, 1963, and amassed a grand total of two goals in the last 14 visits. Their manager, Harry Redknapp, said afterwards that he had sensed that the time was right to stop the sequence. To his annoyance, the West Ham players evidently did not share his conviction.

Liverpool got done on Saturday and they had a few people out injured at the back," Redknapp said, "So it was a good time to come here and get a result, but in the first half we just stood back and watched them dominate. I was so disappointed at half-time - it had been like a practice match for them.

"I said 'come on chaps, there's a lot of people come up here to watch you play. Can you try a bit Referee: P Alcock (F

Southampton held out for more

than an hour against a subdued

Asion Villa, but once behind had

nothing to offer. The margin

probably flattered the home

side, who shone only in the clos-

ing stages, but that is of little con-

solation to Southampton, who

are dragged into increasingly

of the Premiership, where two

points now cover the bottom five.

assured. Villa have little to play

With their place in Europe

turbulent waters at the bottom

JON CULLEY

Southampton

Aston Villa

in the second balf, which was a

West Ham deployed Keith Rowland to man-mark Steve McManaman and left lain Dowie to forage alone up front until the second half. By then, however, Collymore had already punished their lack of ambition.

The former Nottingham Forest striker's 18th goal of the sea-son was a low drive from 22 yards after he had picked up Jason McAteer's pass and twisted away from Danny Williamson. Ludek Miklosko got a hand to the ball but was unable to keep it out.

In the 38th minute, Collymore skipped around Marc Rieper by the dead-ball line. Barnes, meeting the ensuing cross with a near post flick that hit the net by the far upright, claimed his first goal since August.
After the interval, Dowie

brought David James into belated action with a succession of long-range efforts. Julian Dicks. surprisingly restrained on his old stamping ground, also tested the goalkeeper's agility.

Even so Liverpool had further chances to embellish their success, Robbie Fowler once directing over the har a header that was as powerful as most people's shots. Later still. McManaman summoned the energy to push the ball past Dicks, outrun the full back and hurdle the subsequent sliding tackle, a cameo thrillingly oul of step with the rest of the

"It wasn't the liveliest of fixtures," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, admitted. "But we showed greal spirit after getting

kicked in the teeth at Coventry."
Talking of which, how depressing to hear "There's only one John Salako" rising from a West Ham following whose non-stop singing had otherwise done much lo enliven matters, Liverpool (3-4-1-2); James; Thomas, Scales, Matter; McAleer, Radhrapp, Barnes, Bjornebe; McMaramar; Collymore, Foyder, Substitutes not used: Rush, termedy, Warner (gl). West Hom United 14-5-11; Millosko; Breacker, Reper, Bitc, Debs; Hughes (Dam, 73), Rowford, Bishop, Williamson, Sater; Downe, Substitutes not used: Potts, Marbn.

for in any material sense and it

showed in a performance devoid

of spark throughout a drab

first half in which neither goal-

keeper needed to make a save

Southampton, having drawn

hope from Saturday's defeal of

Blackburn, had much more cause

for satisfaction and it appeared

Dave Merrington, their manag-

er, had made a canny decision in

restoring Bruce Grobbelaar to

the goalkeeper's jersey, in place

of Dave Beasant. The former Liv-

erpool player kept out Andy

Townsend's long-range drive in

the first half, then denied Savo

Milosevic and Alan Wright in the

early part of the second.

for more than half an bour.



Crossing the Brazilian border. Middlesbrough's Juninho is stopped by Tottenham's David Howells in yesterday's 1-1 draw

Two minutes later, Yorke who appreciates the gravity of

# Hateley heads QPR in right direction

JOHN PERLMAN

Queen's Park Rangers

Queen's Park Rangers continued to keep the home fires burning in their bid to escape relegation with a second suc-cessive win at Loftus Road.

Villa profit from Grobbelaar's mistake

However, having looked in commanding form on his 500th

League appearance, Grobbelaar

then made the critical mistake

which invited Villa's opening

goal, rushing from his line to

chase Townsend's corner but

failing to claim the hall, and lan

Taylor made an instant strike.

It turned out to be a mortal

wound to Southampton's sur-

vival hopes as the Coca-Cola

Cup winners came to life.

Dwight Yorke missed one

chance to extend their lead, but

then combined splendidly with

Gary Charles in a moment of

high skill to set up the full-back's

first goal in a Villa shirt, walked

Rangers scored twice through Kevin Gallen and Mark Hate-ley in a first period which they had much the better of, but it was the opening quarter of an hour of the second half which provided the decisive moments of this absorbing match.

the Rangers crossbar. It finished with Andy Impey's simple tapin for Rangers third after Neville Soutball had palmed Trevor Sinclair's angled shol into his path. Everton did manage to pull one back, an excel-lent volley from just inside the area by John Ebbrell.

But the visitors' fight, so evident at the start of the second half ehhed away as Impey's shot from six yards bobbled gen-tly over the line.

Rangers' initial efforts invariably ended with the ball hoisted towards Hateley. But in this absorbing match.

the 14th-minute move that produced an excellent first goal, the half with Michael Branch on for

broke free in pursuit of

Townsend's pass, cutting in

from the left to stroke home his

25th goal of the season, A

breathless finale might have

produced still more, Grobbelaar

pushing a Townsend chip on to

one upright before Tommy

Johnson, following up, crashed

the loose ball against the other post. Milosevic, fortunate to

have gone unnoticed by the ref-

eree earlier when landing a

punch on Tommy Widdrington,

then bit the woodwork himself

before kicking down an adver-

It was a defeat addressed with

tising board in frustration.

ball never left the turf. An Everton corner was knocked hack by Ferguson, but intercepted by Sinclair who set off at speed. A skip took him past Anders Limpar, a burst of pace carried him beyond Barry Horne, Gallen raced up on his left, Sinclair weighted the ball just right, and the Rangers striker bear Southall.

For much of the first half Everton had put most of their attacking faith in the long ball hoisted lowards the head of Ferguson, rather than the pass worked wide to the feel of Limpar or Andrei Kanchelskis.

Southampton's plight. "One goal

killed us off and it was Bruce's

fault that we conceded it," he

said. "He should not have come

off his line. I felt Milosevic was

lucky to stay on the field. Had one

of my players done something

like that I would have taken him

to task severely, but then I'm not

going to make that an excuse. If after a whole season you finish

down at the bottom, you have

Only yourselves to blame."
Auton Wila 15-3-2: Borner; Charles, Ehiogu.
McGrath (Scrmeca, 47), Tavlor, Wright: Johnson,
Draper, Townsend, Yorke, Micrownia, Substitutes
not used: Josethm. Oakes (ght.
Southampton, 15-3-1-1r; Geobtekan: Neison,
Dodd, Widmigton, Bena), Charlent; Hugries, Venson (Watson, 65), Tedale; Le Tesier; Shoperley,
Substitutes not used: Magritin, Beasant (ght.
Rafferae; P Danson (Lelcester).

only yourselves to blame."

alongside Ferguson. With an extra man up front, the visitors were holding the ball up and allowing the midfield and fullbacks to get forward. Andy Hinchcliffe's pass put Ferguson in for a shot that only the woodwork kept out. And then Ferguson seni Kanchelskis away whose low cross from the right just eluded the lunging Branch.

With a string of corners and Hinchcliffe to whip them in Everton were upping the pressure and their growing midfield dominance made one wonder if Wilkins was up to the pace. "I had a bad 15 minutes," be said.

Limpar as a central striker ball to Sinclair who raced in from the right to create Impey's goal. Ebhrell's excellent strike came in the 79th minute and Ferguson should have hit the taret after an accurate cross from Marc Hottiger, but Rangers were home and dry by then.

"Considering the sort of pressure we're under some of the foolball we played was flowing stuff," Wilkins said. "We are still trying to do the right things at the right time."

Everton (4-5-1): Sournal; Hottiger, Watson, (Insworth (Short, 63), Harchcliffe; Kanchelists, Horne (Grant, 74), Parlenson, Ebbrell, Limper (Branch, 45): Fergusan,

#### But then Barry Unsworth lost the Ince threat to guit Inter over taunts

Paul Ince has warned that racial abuse could force him to leave Italy. The England midfielder. who joined Internazionale from Manchester United for £7m last summer, was sickened by 'negro" taunts directed al him

during Inter's 4-2 victory at Cremonese on Saturday. Ince, 28, scored his first goal for the clab, but was later hooked for sarcastically applauding the jeering Cremonese supporters. "I didn't come to Italy to be a targel for people who call me a negro in public." he said. "This sort of behaviour

doesn't take place in England.

I will bave to give a lot of thought to whether I slay here or not.

The Inter president, Massimo Moratti, who is to meet Ince later this week to discuss his future, said: "Paul's goal is a minor consolation for all the abuse. He has my sympathy." Paul Gascoigne will be given

permission to miss England's friendly against Hungary on 18 May - their last Wembley warm-up match before the European Championship finals so that he can play for Rangers against Hearts in the Scottish Cup final on the same day.

## Whelan punishes Spurs' laziness

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MIKE ROWBOTTOM

iottenham Hotspur

Middlesbrough

Middlesbrough, their mid-sea-son free-fall now halted, did enough to contain Spurs vesterday. It did not take much.

When Chris Armstrong headed Tottenham into the lead with just six minutes remaining. it was more than they deserved. And it was entirely in keeping with the lack of concentration they had displayed throughout a mediocre match that they al-lowed Middlesbrough to

equalise within a minute.

The bope of qualifying for
Europe still animates Tottenham's season, and yesterday lifted them to within one place of fifth position, which their manager, Gerry Francis, believes will secure them a Uefa Cup place.

But their overall performance was a weary one despite the early promise of a concise movement involving Teddy Sberingham and Armstrong which saw the latter produce a drive which Alan Miller did well to tip over.

Middlesbrough, who lacked both Jan Age Fjortoft and Nick Barmby because of injury, be-gan with understandable caution as they sought to extend a run which had brought them eight points from their previous four games. But as the first half wore on, the most energetic Tottenham man appeared to be the supporter literally drumming up support in the East Stand.

After the break, it was the visilors, with Juninho and Craig Hignett linking with increasing confidence, who became the dominant force. After 77 minules, Hignett sent the 19-yearold debutant, Mark Summerbell through, but the ball bobbled and the youngster shot over.

The consequences of that miss deepened when Armstrong struck at the far post from a corner. But Middleshrough responded with a barrage of shots before Phil Whelan, advancing from defence, forced home an equaliser. "We deserved that," the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, said. He was right. And his young side are making a good fist of finishing as they began it.

Francis was philosophical afterwards, despite having seen Sberingbam leave the field requiring seven stitches above his eye after colliding with the perimeter wall. "I was disappointed that we couldn't hold our lead but the way other results went today we can still reach Europe. We are certainly doing il the hard way, though." Next Monday's game

ham (Stade, 67), retrouved, the control bay.
Middlesbrough (3-5-2): Miller: Whyte, Pearson, Whelan; Cor, Moore, Musice (Summerbell 40), Highest, Flemme, Juranho, Froestone, Sebestitutes not used: Branco, Campbell.

## Degryse keeps Wednesday afloat Leeds' lack of vision

**PHIL ANDREWS** 

Sheffield Wednesday Arsenal

Wednesday have not scrambled aboard the Premiership lifeboat yet, but a goal on the hour from their Belgian international striker Marc Degryse has at last given them a firm grip on one of the lifebelts.

Arsenal, still hoping to reach Europe next season, failed yesterday targety because tan Wright was as anonymous as Degryse was influential. With Wednesday finding it difficult to shake off the relegation jitters, better finishing from Arsenal could have steered the match irreversibly their way before the home side broke into their

Disciplined at the back and ever willing to run into space off the hall, Arsenal made Wednesday look like the away team earty on, and David Hirst was left to forage alone up front while his colleagues hattened down the hatches. John Hartson had one sbot deflected by Kevin Pressman's legs and screwed another wide before Paul Merson forced Pressman to touch over the har, but Arsenal failed to turn their dominance into

When Wednesday briefly raised the siege, their pretty, one-touch football was broken up by the Arsenal back four. And then the Dutchman Regi Blinker decided to run at them.

and Lee Briscoe, began to offer support down the wings and gradually the tide was turned. Atherton floated a shot on to the bar after Hirst's attempt bad been charged down and Hirst failed to make a clean connection from De-

gryse's through ball. Arsenal were now living in-creasingly dangerously and Lee Dixon had to scramble the hall away after Guy Whittingham's cross gave Hirst and Mark Pembridge shooting

Degryse's growing influence started to look as if it would be decisive after the break. David Seaman was forced to save his angled drive at the second attempt and then be found Hirst with a cross which his striking partner volleyed over.

Degryse, who cost Wednes-day £1.5m from Anderlecht in the close season finally, and in-evitably, broke Arsenal's resistance with his 11th goal of the season. He found Whitting-ham on the right, moved into space for the return and tucked his drive low to Seaman's left. Wednesday never looked back, and only Seaman's agility pre-vented Degryse doubling his tal-ly when Whittingham put him

Cléar.
Sheffield Wednesday (4-4-2): Pressman;
Briscoe, Newsome, Welker, Amerion; PernIndia, Whitimelam, Sheffield, Billier (Wadde Stil; Hirst (Rovecevo 84): Degree.
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Shaw, Edi, Merson; Wingth, Hartson (Rose
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#### bonest clarity by Merrington, in from close range. Crowd's derision for

eeds United Nottingham Forest

Nottingham Forest remained in sight of Europe as Leeds United slipped further into obscurity, to the accompaniment of Elland Road's derision.
An early lead flattered Leeds

yet deceived no one, least of all a gallery that was applauding championship success four seasons ago. Yesterday the slow handelap of the disenchanted beat a solemn tattoo on the eardrums of the manager, Howard Wilkinson.

Forest applied order, patience and decisive penetration to their game as the remnants of Leeds' confidence visibly drained away. Goals by Colin Cooper and

Jason Lee eased Forest in front by the balf-hour mark and they ought to have doubled their score by the interval. Forest squandered more offerings but Ian Woan's charac-teristic strike, midway through

the second half, removed any

prospect of an injustice. Without Tony Yeboah, Leeds held little threat and even less self-belief up front. Without Bryan Roy, Forest still proved a handful for a defence disoriented by Gary Kelly's deployment at teft-back. Wikinson conceded as much by restoring him to his more familiar territory on the right, and bringing on another of his

young players, Ian Harte.

Their sloppy, visionless football contrasted with the measured assurance of Forest's game. The ever-resourceful Steve Stone and Woan and the influence of Stuart Pearce's leadership symbolised the essential difference tween the sides.

Forest might bave been two up before Leeds scored but in the bill in the 10th minute. David Wetherall brushed aside Steve Chettle's attentions at the far post and headed in Gary Mc-Allister's inswinging corner.

Another inswinging corner af-ter 18 minutes, this time from Scot Gemmili, dropped almost on the goal-line, presumably bamboozled Lukic, and left Cooper with a simple equaliser. Woan and Stone combined to create an opportunity for Lee

and a deflection off Kelly ensured the goalkeeper was powerless to intervene. Lee held aloft his tresses in a defiant gesture to his manager and anyone else who cares to poke fun at him.

Woan's persistence was re-arded after 66 minutes with a half-volley from just outside the area.

Lee had three chances in as many minutes to embellish his record hut instead supplied the Fantasy Football League boys with more irresistible material. With More Intessible material, Leeds United (4-4-2): Luluc, Radebe (Harte, n.t.), Palmer, Wetherall, Kelly, Gray, Bluni (Walsoe, h.L. McAllister, Speed: Brohn, Deane, Substitute net used: Permierton.

Nottingham Forest (4-4-2): Crossley: Haaland, Cooper, Crettle, Peaner, Stone, Germmil, Bari-Williams, Wean; Lee, Campbel (McGregor, 83). Substitutes not used: Phillips, Howe.

ee R Hart (Darlingson)

## Curcic conjures a lifeline for Bolton

**NEIL BRAMWELL** 

**Bolton Wanderers** 

If most people believe that Bolton have already booked their place in the First Division next season, they have forgotten to tell Sasa Curcic. The Serb's stunning solo goal yesterday afternoon rekindled the dying embers of the Bolton

survival bid. On the back of a dismal showing at Evertoo on Saturday Burnden Park initially carried a melancholy air of resignation. It was a point in the campaign crying out for individual

The timing of Curcic's winner, minutes before half-time, was as crucial as the goal itself. Midway into the Chelsea balf, Curcic hopped, skipped and jumped through the crowd be-fore rifling a 20-yard drive into

the top corner.

The midfielder has largely carried the huge hurden of expectation on his own slender sboulders throughout the sea-son - because of his side's woe-ful strike rate, he has been forced to spark the attack at-most singlehandedly. With only three games remaining though, the other Bolton players belaiedly combined to help ease

Curcic's Hercutean task. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, was understandably delighted at the revival. "It was an excellent performance – we've

hit the critics again. We passed the ball well at times. They are digging deep and we are hack in with a shout again. We were more compact and closer to our midfield players than on Sat-

On the other hand, the Chelsea manager, Glenn Hod-dle, was critical of his side's application and attitude. "ft's about their pride. Are they hurt as much as I am? Bolton were worthy winners and there were umes when they showed better quality on the ball. It is a collective game and until we get the act together as a team we are not going to do anything."

Bollon's early defensive work showed all the urgency of a pre-season friendly and this was typified by the simplicity of Chelsea's unchallenged threeman move to take the lead. Raud Gullit released Paul Fur-long to the byline, and his cuthack created space for John Spencer to drill home.

Chelsea struggled to turn domination into chances, though, and Botton, though sparked into life by the visitors' goal, also struggled to carve many openings. John McGinlay, fed into the area by Alan Stubbs, had the best chance, but hit an angled first-time shot into the far corner before Cureic stole the show.

Botton (4-5-1): Word; Bergsson, Fairdough, Coleman, Philips; McGmlay, Subhs, Sedan, Thompson, Curcic; Blabe (Tankor, 81): Sub-stitutes not used: Paatelainen, Green. Chelsea (3-5-2): Hitchcock Myers, Lee, Duberty Petrescu (Burley 45), Guilfr, Wise, Specimen, Minto (Peacock 67); Spencer, Purlong Substitute not used: Whann (gk).

# Petterson postpones

Roker celebrations

Sunderland Charlton Athletic

Sunderland's t4th successive game without defeat kept the smile on the face of their managet, Peter Reid, even after a disappointing stalemate against Charlton Athletic, another of the First Division promotion hopefuls looking to skip the play-offs.

A near-capacity audience at Roker Park had anticipated the victory which would have taken the leaders to within one win of a place alongside their neigh-bours, Newcastle and Middleshrough, next season. But while the fans' hit record "Cheer Up Peter Reid" is heading for the nation's top 20 next week, the team's elevation to similar heights must wait a shade longer.

The most noteworthy openings in a nondescript first half were crammed into the closing minutes. Charlton's thirdchoice goalkeeper Andy Pelterson bravely heat away a close-range header from Kevin Ball, and then Steve Agnew dispossessed John Robinson when he appeared to have broken

The key to Sunderland's 12month transformation from Second Division possibles to Premier League probables, with what is virtually the same staff, has been the quality of their passing and their confidence on the hall. Both attributes were absent, however, as was Shay Civen, the goalkeeper who has afforded them such defensive solidity in his three months on

loan from Blackhurn Rovers. The young Irishman's buffeting at Barnsley on Saturday gave Alec Chamberlain a rare afternoon off from his recently acquired part-time job as a local radio pundit.

An early clearance, sliced skywards, appeared ominous but he redeemed himself with an athletic double save just past the hour, first from Bradley Allen and then scramhling to his feet to deny Paul Linger.

Petterson, too, was more active after the break. With Mike Salmon and the American, Mike Amman, ahead of him in the queue, Petterson's search for a game has taken him on loan to Ipswieh, Bradford City, Plymouth and Colchester.

The Australian's stock at The Valley will have risen immeasurably after this display, his late saves from Ball's downward header and Lee Howey's thundering drive securing the Londoners the point they deserved.

Charlton might even have left Wearside with all three, had Chamberlain not been alert to a curling free-kick from Keith Jones which eluded everyone and threatened to creep in at the far post.

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Chartier Attletic (4-4-2); Peterson; Newton,
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not used; D, Whyte, Nelson.

at Arsenal - one place above

them - could be crucial. Tottenham Hotspur (4-4-2): Walker; Austin Campbell, Neithercott, Wilson; Fox, Dozzell Howells (Edinburgh, 31) Rosenthal; Shering ham (Stade, 87), Amstrong, Substitute no species.

Arnold's run

leaves Leeds

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Rugby League

St Helens' wing prodigy, Danny

Arnold, is oot only establishing himself as a prolific try scorer,

he also has a true match-

winners' knack of producing his

most startling contributions at

first two Super League matches,

blowing open a previously well-

Picking up the ball from acting-half, the 18-year-old went

between Graham Holroyd and

Harvey Howard and then beat

Anthony Gibbons in a 77-yard

before that spectacular try,

dropped their heads and hardly

mainder of the match.

ifted them again during the re-

Paul Newlove, Keiron Cun-

ningham and Tommy Martyn

ran in further Saints tries and

san, outweighing Arnold's first

weariness left over from their

Good Friday victory over

Wigan, hit hack with tries by

Alan Hunte and Andy Northey

Although Cummins hauled

touchdown.

Leeds, only two points behind

Arnold, with seven tries in his

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DAVE HADFIELD

St Helens

# Simpson leaves pack stranded

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

Derby County, who opened a five-point gap between second and third places in the Endsleigh League First Division on Saturday, made sure the pursuing pack received the clear message that only the play-off route to promotion was still available to them by trouncing Tranmere Rovers 6-2 at the Baseball Ground yesterday, writes Mark Burton.

Derby, 1-0 winners at Oldham on Saturday, had Paul Simpson, scorer of three goals and provider of two others, to thank for ensuring they would gain ample revenue for the 5-1 defeat they suffered at Tranmere's hands earlier in the season. They were caught out after only five minutes when Paul Cook put Tranmere shead from s free-kick. It took Derby until the 38th-minute to find a way back, Simpson's fierce drive

being parried and Darryl Powell knocking in the rebound.

Tina Cullen scored both goals for

Hightown in their 2-1 victory

against Berliner in Rotterdam

yesterday to take the European

Cup-Winners' Cup for the first time, writes Bill Colwill.

The Merseyside elub weath-

from the German side, but

when Yana Williams crossed af-

ter good work down the right,

Cullen was on hand to open the

scoring in the 51st minute, Her

second goal came 11 minutes

later and although Berliner

pulled one back at a penalty

stroke. Hightown hung on.

command with five goals in 19 minutes, Dean Yates heading the first from Simpson's corner in the 50th minute. Simpson then thrashed in two goals and bobbled in a direct free-kick, with Dean Sturridge adding the other. John Aldridge put away 8 late penalty for Tranmere.

Derby, who trail Sunderland,

by three points, are heing chased by Crystal Palace, who recovered their momentum after Saturday's setback by winning 2-0 at struggling Reading. Dougie Freedmao knocked in their first on the stroke of halftime after Reading goalkeeper Simon Sheppard failed to hold Dariusz Wdowczyk's headed

It took two good saves by Nigel Martyn to keep Palace ahead and Stuart Lovell headed against 8 Palace post before Ray Houghton added their second goal in the 72nd minute from Freedman's pass. Four minutes later, Palace's David Tuttle was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Fifth-placed Ipswich Town were hit by a Clive Mendonca hat-trick as they lost 3-1 at Grims-After the interval, Derby took by Town, but their East Anglian

In The Hague, Guildford

took the hronze, coming from

behind against Spain's Aldeasa

Valdeluz to win 4-2. After An-

tonio Iglesias had given Valdehiz

the lead in the ointh minute.

Guildford struck back with Don

Williams and Danny Hall to put

them ahead after 25 minutes.

their first European medal.

Durkheimer from Germany

took the title, beating the host

Dutch club HDM 3-2 in a penal-

ty stroke shoot-out.

Although Valdeluz equalised

rivals, Norwich City, did them a favour by beating Huddersfield Town 2-0, only their second home victory in 15 matches.

Leo Roget made a brief but dramatic outing for Southend United. The 18-year-old came on m the 86th minute and scored in injury time to deprive the bottom Watford, of a rare victory. Craig Ramage had put them ahead in the first half. It hardly helped Watford's desperate plight

thai Oldham won 3-1 st Port Vale.

Blackpool have made their task of moving up to the First Division more difficult by losing three times in six days. Yesterday they were ahead at home to Rotherham United but they succumbed to a chip by John Mc-Glashan and a header by Trevor Berry. Swindon Town took full advantage by winning 2-0 at Crewe Alexandra with a goal from Kevin Horlock and another from David Preece, who ran the game, to go four points clear

Oxford United also stepped up the promotion pressure by leapfrogging over Crewe into third place with a 3-0 victory at Wycombe Wanderers.

**Bond beats** 

Higgins on

final black

Nigel Bond dented John Hig-

gins' hopes of overtaking

Stephen Hendry as the game's



## Torreilles secures draw for Paris

A late try by Pascal Bomati and seven minutes into the second Patrick Torreilles' goal secured half but PSG showed plenty of Paris St-Germain a 24-24 draw against Oldham at Charlety Stadium yesterday. A crowd of 6,327 saw Paris gain their third point in three Super League games when Oldham's full-back, Paul Atcheson, failed to tidy up a Patrick Entat kick and the right

Paris took the lead thanks to an individual try from the French international full-back, Laurent Lucchese, but Oldham scored two tries in four minutes late in the first balf to take a 14-4 interval lead.

winger nipped in to score.

Oldham's scrum-half, Francis Maloney, added to the French side's problems with an individual try down the blind side straight from a scrum from a 20-2 deficit to be within

spirit, hitting back through their second row, Didier Cabestany, from an Entat kick.

Oldham stretched away again with 8 try from Andrew Patmore, but then Entat scored himself after an excellent handling move. Torreilles converted and then

added a penalty when Old-ham's loose forward, Howard Hill, was sent to the sin-hin for a professional foul six minutes from time whereupon Paris made full use of the extra man. Workington suffered another

heavy defeat at Derwent Park, this time 54-22 to Sheffield Eagles. The home side were in contention for an hour after they clawed their way back only four points but the Eagles scored five tries in the final quarter to clinch victory as Workington ran out of steam.

Sheffield also made a flying start, with their centre Jean-Marc Garcis scoring two tries in the first 10 minutes. The five at the end were scored by Bright Sodje (his second), Ryan Sheridan, Mick Cook, Anthony Far-

rell and Andy Hay.
In the middle of those bursts, Workington scored two tries in the space of three minutes to drag them back into the match hut they had a missed an opportunity after 60 minutes. Darren Carter was put through with two men on either side of him and only the full-back to beat, but was tackled and from then on Sheffield took control.

soon after the interval, that merely set the stage for Arnold to illuminate the game's pivotal moments.

"I've only been scoring from 10 yards out so far this season, he said. "So it was nice to go the length, just to show that I can still do it."

As his coach, Shaun McRae observed, it is having players who can produce that something special that could keep Saints on top of the table as the going gets tougher later in the

For Leeds, who had their capmanaged just two at Headingtain, Neil Harmon, taken to hosley yesterday - 8 modest tally by his current standards. pital for checks on his oeck, the But his second, seven minutes only consolation is the prospect into the second half, had the of three new faces. effect of deflating Leeds and

Their coach, Dean Bell, has a scrum-half, a hack and a loose forward lined up in the Antipodes. For fans who have now seen their side lose a Challenge Cup semi-final and their first three Super League games, the reinforcements cannot arrive quickly enough.

Tive Quicksy enough.

Leads: A Gabon; Fallon, Iro, Hassan, Glaadhill; Cummins, Holroyd; Harmon, Shaw,
Howard, Marin, Fozzard, Mercer. Substitutios:
D Gabbons, Golden, Schultz, McDermott,
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Sußwan; Harrimond, Goulding; Perelin, Cunningham, Leatham, McVey, Joynt, Northey,
Substitutios: Martyn, Matautia, Pichavance,
Morter.

The former Wales A rugby although Leeds' Jim Falloo scored a long range effort of his own near the end, his side finunion international, Diccon Edwards, makes his senior 13-a-side ished looking dispirited. For most of the first half, they debut on the wing for Castleford in tonight's Super League game had at least looked capable of making a contest of it. They who has had spells with Leiceseven held a handy 14-6 lead at one stage, thanks to tries by Francis Cummins and Phil Haster and Wakefield, was on the bench on Friday, can also play centre or stand-off, and impressed in two games with Castleford's Alliance side. But Saints, overcoming the

Ricky Stuart, the former Australia half-hack, will not play again in this ARL season after suffering a serious knee injury in only his second match for Canberra since Super League players were forced by the Leeds back with his second courts to return to the game.

## Jansher's five in a row

**European joy for Cullen** 

Squash

Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, overcame Rodney Eyles' quick start to clinch his fifth successive British Open title in emphatic fashion at Cardiff.

Eyles, the Australian seeded opening stages of yesterday's final, as he tried to keep the presgame, he was never in trouble. of the game."

Eyles demanded the referee's backing for access to the top corners and won a series of early penalty strokes from the appeal referee. Jansher is often accused of blocking in those corners, but the 26-year-old later second, made an impact in the retorted: "I don't block. The it in and produced the thinnest squash court is a small area and sometimes you must show the sure on Jansher, but once the referee how you would have got top seed had taken the first the ball to get a let. It's just part 132,000 and I am within striking of 30,000, writes Gwyn Dolphin at the lights and strolled ahead

He won 15-13, 15-8, 15-10 in 50

#### ered strong first-balf pressure just before the interval, two second-half goals at penalty corners from player-coach Ian Jennings saw the Surrey side home to In the final, after a 2-2 draw,

Snooker

No 1 by beating the Scot in the final of the British Open at Phymouth yesterday. He held his nerve to elinch a tense 9-8 victory over the defending champion on the final black. Higgins looked likely to secure his third ranking title of the season when he led 69-0 in the decider and was faced with a moderately difficult red to put

the game beyond doubt. How-

ever, he missed, baving con-

centrated on potting black the shot before rather than going for position. The world No 12 still required snooker, which be obtained with one red remaining. The frame eventually went down to the last couple of balls with Higgins failing to pot the pink, which would have allowed him to keep the title. Bond knocked

of cuts to drop in the black. Higgins was "not that disappointed". He said: "I have got distance of Hendry."

FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

## Biela opens with double victory

Motor racing

The worst fears of the British Touring Car Championship field were confirmed yesterday when wheel drive Audi had given the Audi driver Frank Biela won best to Volvo driver Rydell in both the first and second rounds qualifying for the opening race, of the series in front of a crowd but the German beat him away from Donington Park.

Third Division

The reigning World Cup win- the Williams-Renault team finish as his main rivals, Rickard Rydell and Alain Menu, both bad problems. Biela's four-

ner led both races from start to hope with second and third, but plans for Menu to better that in the second race were dashed in qualifying.

check and was forced to start from the back of the grid. Biela again led all the way, under pressure from Hoy but was

#### Chinese rule the roost

before half-time.

Kong Linghui, the world champion, landed the English Open ing Arena yesterday, Kong, the 20-year-old from China, defeated his team-mate and world No 3 the thrills of most five-setters because the players knew so much about each other's games.

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The Easter goals tally for Russell Wilson, a striker with Budleigh Salterton FC of the Devon League. He scored five in Good Friday's 11-1 win at Ottery St Mary and three in a 4-1 win over Teignmouth the following day.

## never truly threatened. Australian Rules AFL Second round: Collingwood 27.11 (173) Methourne 11,13 (79). Baseboah Austroan I Erklutt: Coveland 8 Territo 3; Minnesce 2 Batimore 4; Kaneas City 1 Boston 3; Californie 6 Chicago White Sox 5; Californie 7 Derott 6; Tease 7 New York Yarriese 2 (List game); Tease 4 New York Yenkees 1 (2nd gerne); Seette 3 Makautee 1. MATHONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 13 St Louis 3; Florida 7 San Francisco 14; Montreal 9 Colarado 1: Chicago Cube 5 Los Angeles 4; Houston 2 San Diego 17.

Basketball NBA: Boston 96 Detrot 97; LA Leiers 107 San Antonio 97; Vanouwer 92 Phoenix 112: Orian-to 58 Chicago 90; Denver 111 Housen 105; Sacramento 92 Utan 107.

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**Table tennis** 

men's singles title at the Ketter-Wang Tao 12-21, 14-21, 21-14, edge past team-mates Li Ju and 21-14, 21-14 in a final that lacked Wu Na for the doubles title.

China also triumpbed in the

women's singles and doubles finals, with Yang Min victorious in both. Yang defeated Taiwan's Chen Jing in the singles, and then teamed up with Wang Hui to

# SPORTING DIGEST

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SUMDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Spenier League: Real Bets: 2 Ricing Santander 2, Merica 2 Celts Vgo O. Leading positions: 1 Afotico Medit (25-67). Ph.73; 2 Barcetons (35-70); 3 Valencis (35-67).

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342.15; 3 L Neumann (See) 261.48; 4 K Robbere (US) 244.29; 6 B Densel (US) 213.12; 6
M MASION (US) 194.46; 7 P Sheethan (US)
185.46; 6 O Repper (US) 170.05; 9 M MeGenn
(US) 189.9; 10 J Geddes (US) 154.83, E3;
18 A Nicholas 121.25; 28 L Faintough 77.50;
45 C Pierce 81.85; 57 J Johnson 44.38; 62 P
Virgit 40.16; 70 C Hall 36.25; 78 K Messhall
32.18; 87 L Hackney 28.80; 94 H Wadsworth
25.85; 98 J Forces 24.24.

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ice hockey NHL: Chicago 1 Derroit 4; Datas 1 Colorado 4; New Jessey 4 NY Rangas 2; Philadelphe 2 Boston 4; San Jose 3 Anchelm 5.

Motorcycling
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**Motor racing** 

Histor Pracing
Italian superbike rider, Marco Burnelli,
was killed yesterday after a 250kph
crash in an Italian championship race.
Officials said Burnelli, 29, and another rider, Mauro Mastrelli, collided after
slipping on oil.
BRITISH TOURING CARS CHAMPIONSIAP
(Doolington Parks: First round (18 legs): 1 F
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(Penault Laguns) +1.9sec; 3 P
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+12.93ec; 6 J Cleignd (Vaurins) Vegta)
-1.15ec, 90.44mpt; 2 Hoy +1.9sec; 3 R Rydel (Valur 85) +3.68ec; 6 Ericalit +4.52ecc;
5 Burt +13.59ec; 6 Cleignd +14.34sec.
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Burt (14ps); 4 Binotifie (13ps); 5= Cleignd and
Rydel (11ps).

Rugby League STONES SUPER LEAGUE

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Manvood 5, Sheffield: Tries Garcia 2, Sodje 2,
Cook, Farrell, Hay, McAllister, Senior, Shemican:
Goals Aston 7, (1,904) FIRST DIVISION

Reighley (12) 34, Noti (10) 30, Keighley: Tries Putney 2, Chucky, Ving, Ramshaw, Smoot Goals Daon 5, Hull: Tries Viebber 3, Cener, Fisher, Motion; Goals Gray 3, (6,059) Middes (26) 40, Whitehaven (0) 8. Widnes: Tries Pechay 2, Tier 2, Daverou, McCurne, Thomies, Wight; Gosta Tyer 4. Whitehaven: Tries Seeds 2, 12,7481 Withmon 5. (650)

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Present 122 20, Berrow (2) B. Present: Tries Design 2, Mary Gosle: Farning 4. Barrow: Tries Magnet: Gosle Meade 2, (358) AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP OPTUS CUP (Sydney): St George 34 Newcaste 30.

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**Table tennis** 

Table tennis

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Chist-Ton (Fal 21-11 24-22, Pinetr Yang Ying and
Wang Hui bit Li Ju and Wu Na 16-21 22-20 2422.

Michael Chang's brother and coech, Carl Michael Chang's brother and coech, Carl Chang, made a rare appearance in singles compeniion at the Hong Kong Open yesterday. At the urging of his younger brother and defending chempion, he entered and won the qualifying event before going down 6-4, 7-5 to Alexander Volkov of Russia.

HONG KONG OPEN CHAMPIONISHIP (Hong Kong) First round: W Arthurs (Mail) bit Carl Chang IUS) 6-4 7-5; J Signerank (Neth) bit G Rusadsin (IS) 2-6 6-4 6-4; A Volkov (Rus) bit Carl Chang IUS) 6-4 7-5; J Signerank (Neth) bit G Rusadsin (IS) 2-6 6-4 6-4; A Volkov (Rus) bit Carl Chang IUS) 6-4 6-6-6.

bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-4 6-2: to I Eagle (Aus) 6-4 6-2; INDIAN OPEN (New Delhi) Men's singles first round: J Golmard (Fh tx ) Musslak (Stovek) 6-4 6-2; A Radulescu (Gen' bt L Roux (Fn 7-6 6-2; J Hossek (Swit) br C Williamson (GB) 6-3 7-5; S Stolle (Aus) bt S Karane (Ind) 6-2 6-1: O Saps-ford IGB) bt C Americ (Gen' 7-6 6-4; C Carato (Ity X P Baur (Gen' 6-3 6-3.

PAMILY CRICLE CUP WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Milton Head, South Carolina) Semi-finals: A Sanctex Vicano ISp) bt J Novotna (12 Rep) 6-2 6-2 8 Paylus Kult bt C Martine ISp) 7-6 6-4, Final: Sanctez Vicano bt Paulus 6-2 2-6

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His verdict on the Argentinian GP

RACE FOR THE PREMIERSHIP: Frenchman makes the difference again after Coventry's Busst suffers horrific broken leg

# Cantona rescues ragged United

**GUY HODGSON** 

Manchester United Coventry City

No win at this stage should be derided but this was not an occasion that Manchester United will cherish come the end of the season. The three points will be, though, even if the gauntlet they flung down in Newcastle's direction landed with the softest of touches.

This was a ragged performance from the Premiership leaders who, disrupted by injury and suspension, flitted between the inspired and mundane. The fact there was only one goal will reflect which part of their cbaracter won out in the end. Indeed Coventry, desperate for points, might have embarrased them with a goal of their own at the end.

Almost inevitably it was Eric Cantona who provided the game's one sure touch in front of goal. The Frenchman is conducting the nearest thing to a one-man crusade to win the title and he got the strike again two minutes after half-time. It is his seventh in eight matches and the fifth time in that period that his has been the one goal scored by United.

Few have been as simple as this. Ryan Giggs, a rare untarnished United success, crossed low from the left and the hall arrived in the six-yard box via Liam Daisb's heel and the bodies of Paul Williams and Andy Cole. Cantona, after waiting

what seemed to be an age. side-footed past Ogrizovic. It was the high point of a game that was like United, good and bad in parts. The most fluent spell arrived when the players' minds had been distracted by an horrific injury to David Busst. The Coventry detender, chal-lenging at the far post after 90 seconds, appeared to go over on his leg, and as soon as he collansed to the floor it was obvi-

ous he was seriously injured. Even Old Trafford, which is not known for charity towards visiting players, responded howtility to applaud Busst as he was carried from the field, a dark bloodstain left on the pitch where he fell. He did not go back to the dressing-room but straight to hospital where it was later revealed he had a com-

pound fracture of the right leg "It was horrible," Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, said. "All the players say it was dreadful and they are distressed. The result matters, but now we are

more concerned about David." United's goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, who was closest to the injured man as he was being treated, declined to speak to the press. "I couldn't talk about the incident," his message

said. "I would just hreak down." Both teams were affected by the injury and for 20 minutes barely a tackle was made. Para-



doxically, Coventry, who pulled Williams back into the back four, prospered more, and they created opportunities that, had they been taken, would have given the

game a different complexion.

After 15 minutes Noel Whelan eluded United's offside trap, burst down the left and was halted only by Peter Schmeichel's close with a header, too, and John Salako' left-foot shot after 31 minutes would have been better if it had been further away from the goal as Whelan was

charging towards the far post. You cannot afford to give United chances like this and as they recovered their composure they began to pin Coventry in their area. Andy Cole had three chances, Brian McClair was just wide with a lunging shot and David Beckham shot high over when faced by only Steve Ogri-

zovic. They might have got five

goals; then again they might have been held to a draw. After 75 minutes Dublin headed delicately into Kevin Richardson's path who, but for a bad bounce, would have been bearing down on United's goal. With two minutes remaining the Coventry skipper outflanked the red rearguard on the left but his

> "We created so many chances," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said, "and we almost paid for them in the last 20 minutes when we seemed to stop dead. But if you win your two matches over Easter you have done well."
> Marchester United (4-4-2): Schmeichel: Iwin, G Nexite, May, Sherps; Beckham, Butt,
> McCleir, Gags; Cantons, Ode. Substitutes not
> used: Parisir, Bruce, Scholes.

Covenitry City (4-4-2): Ogramo: Pickering Busst (Boland, 4), Daish, Salako: Telfer Uest 70), Richerdson, Williams, Ndlovu; Dublin, Who

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Coventry's David Busst is carried off on a stretcher yesterday

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# THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD 22 Moan as hot drink's sent

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21 Swing implement over to get ill-gotten gains (4)

Retiring, hit by nasty flu (7) round (5)
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reserved for important chap (15) Remits payment in short time for old transport (7) we hear, in part of summer

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Less important manner by sailors of old school (9.6) What would get you something to eat? Payment would, in short (4) Descent takes a long time 24 for a hig cat (7)

Former European Union's 25 power of pastiche? (5-2)

Restrain right to have row

(7.3.5) Shake old actor swallowing doctor's line (7) Greek character fit to change into ordinary clothes (5) Representative has a nosy

look round a farm animal

Not the diplomatic type?

17 Plays badly, in company, aWI ballad (7)18 Collusion about catcalls (7) Affirm study by nurse (7) They say farewell to sleep?

Almost no place for a member (4) Guns pointing up to animal

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time World Cup winner. Alan Ball, stalked off, not waiting to

Wimbledon

Manchester City

shake hands with his opposite number, his head held high, but surely not with pride at his team's abysmal performance. Manchester City are staring relegation in the face more clearly than at the start of this troubled season when they took

At the final whistle, our one-

just two points from their first Even Ball found it hard to explain away this one, commenting somewhat lamely: "We'll have to do a bttle bit better than

As understatements go, that one takes some beating.

Moments before he had ar-

rived in the press box to link arms with Joe Kinnear, an old adversary from his (happier) playing days, City's perfor-mance had been put in rather sharper perspective by the Wimhledon manager. "If you looked at the two sides today there was only going to be one winner. They are going to have to do a lot better than that. They may get away with it, but only because of the poor quality of the rest of the sides down

It was fairly damning criticism and furthermore right on the mark. Whether or not the Manchester derby had left them emotionally drained, rarely can a side have offered so little when so much was at stake.

they stood for than Vinnie Jones, who for all his faults, has a voracious appetite for work and was the driving force behind this victory secured with three goals in a 30-minute spell either side of half-time.

Wimbledon climb clear

as City surrender

has never heen a criticism one

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When City eventually sur-rendered the initiative, they **Battle for survival** 

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shocking mistake" by Michael Frontzeck. He omitted to mention that it was not the first time that the German international had surrendered possession when he gave the ball away to Jones. Robbie Earle's diving header to Neil Ardley's cross showed all the bravery that

Ball's men tacked. Up until then, City had reasonable possession. Nigel Clough, in particular, finding much was at stake. ample space. But they quickly Lack of effort, of course. collapsed, mindful perhaps of a

record of one win in 18 League

games away from bome. A minute after the restart, Earle headed in from an overhead kick by Jones after Mark Scales' own headed effort bad bounced off the crossbar. Bad went to worse as Kit Symons hooked the hall back across the face of his own goal and Efan Ekoku thundered in to make a perfect connection.

Belatedly, Ball introduced Uwe Rösler and the sprightly young Martin Phillips to the proceedings but it was all too lit-

City were even denied a concolation goal when Georgi Kinkladze wriggled free of his man-marker to plant the ball wide of Neil Sullivan only for Chris Perry to race back and clear from the goal-line. With 13 points out of the last 24, Wimbledon are now sitting pretty in the relegation race. Or as Kinnear put it: "We're home, hosed and smoking". Not so Manchester City. If

there was any good news to be had on this day, it was in the shared misery of Southampton and Coventry. But with their poor soal difference. City can ill afford to become embroiled in too close a finish. Their last game of the season is at home to Liverpool and for their sake they must hope that the Merseysiders' minds will be on the following week's Cup

Manchester City (4-4-2): Immel; Brightwell Curle, Symons, Frontzeck; Summerber (Phillips, 60), Kinkladze, Clough, Lomas Kavalastwill, Quinn (Rosler, 60). Substitute

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	(Cantona scored first goal from penalty spot)	



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